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## Huge boost for Island as restaurant plans are announced

A disused building  
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into high-end  
restaurants.

For over 20 years the  
public changing rooms  
at Nell's Point have been  
an eyesore, but that will  
change after the Vale  
Council struck a major  
deal with a developer.

Next Colour Ltd  
recently completed the  
refurbishment of the  
1930s cinema at Oyster  
Wharf at the Mumbles to  
a very high standard and  
the council is optimistic  
that a development of  
similar quality can be  
delivered on the Island.

Clr John Thomas,  
Leader of the Vale  
Council, said that it was  
another step in making  
the Island a 'premier  
destination'.

"Bringing new high  
calibre restaurants to  
Barry Island will further  
boost the area and help  
cement its reputation as

a first-class seaside  
resort.

"We hope it will make  
the location even more  
appealing to residents  
and visitors alike.

"The council has  
committed significant  
resources to upgrading  
the Island over the last  
few years and it's  
encouraging to see that  
commitment lead to  
private investment in the  
area."

Next Colour CEO  
James Morse said the  
company planned to  
deliver something to  
match the outstanding  
location.

He said: "We are  
delighted to have been  
appointed by the Vale  
Council to redevelop the

former changing rooms  
above the beach at Nell's  
Point. It's a fantastic site  
on one of Wales' best  
blue flag beaches.

"We intend to develop  
a cluster of beachside  
restaurants with stunning  
views over the bay.

"Barry has seen huge  
regeneration over the  
last few years and we  
intend to deliver  
something special to the  
seafront.

"The aim is to further  
Barry Island's appeal as  
a year-round destination  
and more detailed plans  
will be unveiled in the  
new year."

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by TIM CHAPMAN  
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## A CHRISTMAS LUNCH MADE WITH CARE AT BARRY MEMORIAL HALL



## Champion Lee ends year on a high with points decision win



Lee Selby in action on Saturday  
night. PICTURE BY LIAM  
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BARRY'S boxing world  
champion, Lee Selby, can enjoy  
a relaxing Christmas and look  
ahead to a potential blockbuster  
fight in 2018 after his latest  
classy display.

Selby scored a unanimous points win  
over undefeated Mexican Eduardo  
Ramirez at London's Copper Box Arena  
on Saturday.

The judges' score cards reflected his  
domination - they read 119-110, 116-112  
and 119-109 in his favour.

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Barry Memorial Hall was full of laughter and  
fun recently when a Christmas party was held  
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## Local history Laurie Owen

**H**ERE at The GEM, we do get occasional requests to be put in touch with our correspondents.

Recently a local gentleman visited the GEM office, saying that he had information on the Paulett family, who had featured in one of Laurie Owen's Barry history columns.

We were happy to pass the number on to Mr Owen, but it is coming up as unobtainable.

If the gentleman concerned sees this, could he please contact the editorial staff (01446 774484) to check on his contact details?  
GEM editorial staff

## Thanks to a helpful soul

**I** WOULD like to say a huge thank you to the gentleman who came to my mother's assistance after a fall outside WH Smiths on Holton Road, Barry, on Saturday, December 2.

His caring and the time he spent with her was beyond words of thanks but I'd like him to know how very much his actions were appreciated.

Thank you  
Chris Hughes.

## 'More politicians are unnecessary'

**I** WAS stunned this week to read an Assembly report recommending more Assembly Members. The people of Wales want better politics, not more politicians.

This would cost £25 million a year. That's a lot of schools, hospitals, and libraries.

When every council in the land is facing a significant budget cut, how on earth can anyone believe that this is the right thing to do?

No thanks, dim diolch!  
Councillor Vincent Bailey, Dyfan Ward

## Choir on top form at Barry pub venue

**M**AY we take this opportunity to thank Dorothy and all of the Barry Male Voice Choir, for a wonderful evening's entertainment at a packed Wetherspoons in Barry on Monday evening.

The men sang fabulously and a special mention must go to the wonderful keyboard player. It was an excellent evening and so pleasing to see the choir numbers growing.

Well done to all. A really enjoyable festive evening and a credit to the town.

Peter and Linda Jenkins, Barry.

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## Planning Department is not the 'villain' in the removal of Danter's wheel

**G**INA Burton asks if I "seriously believe Henry Danter is going to allow the construction of a Ferris wheel that is likely to collapse and injure or even kill people".

May I refer to a case less than a month ago in Cardiff Magistrates' Court when the same fairground owner pleaded guilty to breaches of the building regulations.

I suspect that Ms Burton is probably aware of what my response would be to the

rhetorical question she poses.

I will not dissect the content of the letter written by Ms Burton, but it is worth correcting the assertion that "if the council was concerned, it had a duty to close the wheel down."

To my knowledge the local authority has no such powers, the regulatory body for fairground safety is the Health and Safety Executive.

I have no personal axe to grind against the owner. Indeed, any substantial investment in new equipment (providing it has pre-installation approval by the authorities and is safely installed, maintained and operated) is to be welcomed.

I do not know whether there were safety issues or not but the main thrust of my criticism was aimed at those who painted the planning authority as the villain of the piece in this matter, which was inaccurate and unfair.

Chris Goacher,  
St Athan.

## Thanks to efficient road contractors

**R**ELATED thanks to all those involved with the recent resurfacing work at Culverhouse Cross

I would like to thank the council and all involved in planning and undertaking a potentially very difficult phase of work.

As a regular commuter across the junctions, I never once was inconvenienced. By morning, new stretches had been completed with not a cone or work

vehicle in sight.

The job was completed on time and the matrix symbols even had a thank you to drivers at the end.

As there were no contractor signs to be seen, I was not sure who to write to, but wish to congratulate all involved in the work.

Well done and I hope you enjoy some nights off over the Christmas period.

Rebecca Exley,  
Cowbridge.

## GlastonBARRY will be even bigger in 2018

**THE organisers of 'GlastonBARRY 2018' say it will be even bigger than the 2017 event and will host three stages.**

It will include tributes to George Michael, Elvis and The Beatles.

In 2018, the event will take place over the weekend July 28 to 29. The event is run by local impresarios Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg who announced their 2018 line-up over the weekend.

Ross said they remain as ambitious as ever. "GlastonBARRY 2018 is being taken to the next level. It will involve the return of the big top arena for the main stage that houses the full festival capacity."

"We also have an outside rock stage, and have added a 'legend' stage."

"We're working with the best bands we have ever worked with and have something for everyone!"

"We have bigger capacity, a bigger production and have 18 of the UK's biggest and best tribute bands over the three stages which is six more than last year."

"Prices are very low and that wouldn't have been possible without the help of our sponsors. We have done a lot of research and you won't find a more reasonably priced tribute festival in the whole of the UK."

Matt added: "It's really caught the imagination of everyone in south Wales and we have people travelling from all around the UK to attend."

"In previous years

we've even had people flying in from California, Holland, New Zealand, Spain and Tonga to attend the festival. It's quite amazing."

The 18 tribute bands include: Elvis Presley - A Vision of Elvis by Rob Kingsley; Madness - tribute by Badness; Queen - tribute by Flash; Bob Marley - tribute by Legend; Coldplay - tribute by Coldplace; George Michael - tribute by Andrew Browning; The Beatles - tribute by The Beatles for Sale; Fleetwood Mac - tribute by McFleetwood; Amy Winehouse - tribute by Laure Jane Butler; The Killers - tribute by The Killers; Earth Wind & Fire - tribute to 70s disco; The Red Hot Chili Peppers - tribute by Really Hot Chili Peppers; The Stone Roses - tribute by The Stoned Roses; The Foo Fighters - tribute by Foo Fighters GB; The Doors - tribute by The Strange Doors; Robbie Williams - tribute by Mike Andrew; Led Zeppelin - tribute by The Hindenbergs; and back by popular demand from London's West End - 'The Valli Boys'.

Sponsors of the event include Barry Training Services, Ruckleys and Brains Brewery. Tickets are available from [www.glastonbarry.com](http://www.glastonbarry.com); or call the box office at 01446 737339, tickets are also available at The Piccolo Bar, Barry Island and The Beach Hut Shop, Barry Island.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL DECEMBER 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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16 Sat	05.09	9.1	17.25	9.1
17 Sun	05.49	9.3	18.04	9.4
18 Mon	06.24	9.4	18.41	9.5
19 Tues	06.58	9.5	19.14	9.4
20 Wed	07.32	9.7	19.48	9.4
21 Thur	08.03	9.4	20.19	9.3

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The Mayor of the Vale Cllr Janice Charles, Faye Ruckley and David Elliott and 'Annie'.

## LLANDOUGH HOSPITAL SAYS 'HELLO DOLLY'

**TWO** weeks ago, CCTV in Ruckley's store on Holton Road, Barry, appeared to show a 'reborn baby doll' called Annie being taken by a woman.

Store owner Faye Ruckley issued an appeal on Facebook and the doll was duly returned.

Faye decided not to pursue the matter further and instead decided to give Annie away free to someone who would cherish her.

She was staggered when thousands of people viewed the video. Dozens of people wanted 'Annie' and gave

heartfelt reasons for wanting her.

Faye, the Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, and the chairman of Holton Road Traders David Elliott helped select a winner.

Faye told The GEM: "The winner is Ceri Marie Chamorro who wanted the doll to help dementia patients.

"Ceri does not live locally, but has agreed for us to donate Annie on her behalf. We are currently chatting with Llandough Hospital with the view of donating Annie to Ward E12, which is a mental health ward for over the 50s."

## CRAFT FAIR BOOST FOR ROMEO



Romeo Hadley.

**THE GEM** recently told the story of six-year-old Romeo Hadley of Wenvoe.

Romeo is a brave little boy who had to undergo a double amputation of his legs after suffering from a life-threatening condition called 'purpura fulminans'.

Family, friends and the local community have rallied round to support Romeo and his family.

This year, Wenvoe village craft fair

organisers decided they wanted to help him.

The Hadley family said: "A very big 'thank you' to everyone involved in the Wenvoe village craft fair. They raised £424 from a raffle ticket sale. We give special thanks to everyone who donated gifts for the raffle.

"Thank you to Mike and Glenys for organising another successful event."

Funds raised will go towards equipment and Romeo's future care.

## The 'Three Days of Christmas'

**WHY** not try something different and be our guest at 'Three Days of Christmas' to remember the wonderful gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Saviour of sinners?

Barry Evangelical Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to enjoy Christmas in their church family.

On Saturday, December 23 at 6pm, enjoy the family-friendly

Christmas Lessons and Carols and free Christmas supper.

They will sing everyone's favourite carols, read the true Christmas story from the Bible, and a buffet will follow at 7pm. For enquiries, see Pastor Drew at agoodman@barryepc.org or text 0740004139 to reserve a seat.

On Christmas Eve, be a guest at Sunday services at 11am and 6pm, and Christmas Day at 10am. Visit [www.barryepc.org](http://www.barryepc.org) for more information. AO

# Barry will be home to Wales's smallest theatre

**WALES'S** smallest theatre could shortly be opening in Barry after getting support from the Vale planning committee.

Proposals for a magic theatre on Barry's Island Road had been recommended for refusal because of planning officers' concerns about the shopfront looking unused during daytime hours.

However, councillors over-turned the recommendation, asking officers to work closely with the applicants to ensure that the new theatre meets all necessary criteria to open with a temporary licence as a magic theatre.

Councillor Nic Hodges, who had asked the application to come to committee for debate rather than be decided by officers, welcomed the decision.

He said: "This is a unique application for a small magic theatre that can bring new acts and new vibrancy to Barry.

"I was concerned when I heard that officers recommended refusal, and I am glad that we have been able to

find a way, fingers crossed, for them to get the permit to open.

"I am pleased to say that this was all done without hypnotising the committee!"

"More seriously, if this application had not been granted, then I would have been worried that we would have lost this opportunity and be left with an empty shop instead – something that nobody wants.

"As Wales' largest town, it is a bit of fun for us to have Wales' smallest theatre."

Fellow member of the planning committee, Cllr Ian Johnson, added: "The Vale Council should be supportive of local entrepreneurs who want to open businesses, and provide them with the support to do so from all parts of the council. I hope they will be able to conjure up the appropriate conditions so that the theatre can open as soon as possible."

## Barry at War group

**THE Barry at War Group, which manages the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station, has been busy recently.**

On Saturday, November 25 it held a very successful Birthday Party to mark the fifth anniversary of the opening of the (then) Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre.

The following Thursday the group welcomed two classes from Ysgol y Ddraig Primary School in Llantwit Major, lots of excited children, and teachers and support staff.

The evening of the same day Ron Powell of

Barry Island gave his excellent Battle of Britain presentation with 40 attentive hearers.

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## 'Add a tax to stop the plastic flood' says group

**FRIENDS** of Barry Beaches have launched an e-petition on the Welsh Assembly's website.

The Barry based environmental group carries out monthly beach cleans along Barry's five main beaches.

Those behind the petition are calling on the Welsh Government to introduce a tax or charge on single use plastic items in order to slow the flood of plastic rubbish ending up in our marine environment.

Plastic waste has now been found in our deepest and most remote parts of the ocean. It damages our wildlife and is threatening to enter the human food chain.

This new petition follows on from its

previous petition launched in 2015, where they called on the Welsh Government to ban the use of single use polystyrene cartons and cups following the example of many of the world's cities. That petition was not successful.

The group feels that the public opinion is now swinging behind their cause following such programs as Blue Planet II and Springwatch.

It now needs the public's support to raise a larger petition which, claims a spokesperson, "The Welsh Government will not be able to ignore".

Chairman of the group, Rob Curtis, said: "The flood of plastics entering our sea is shocking and it's about time our elected representatives woke up

to this issue. Our volunteers are removing more and more plastic waste washed up across our beaches. They want action and leadership from our politicians to stop this plastic madness.

"We now need the Welsh public to add their names to our petition to ensure that the Welsh Government finally wakes up to the growing menace of single use plastics."

He said: "It only takes a couple of seconds by logging on to: [www.assembly.wales/en/gethomed/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=1283](http://www.assembly.wales/en/gethomed/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=1283).

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## 'Exciting ideas' for No 1 Dock floated at meeting

**COUNCILLOR** Jonathan Bird was the guest of FocusBARRY at their meeting last week, when he discussed some of his thoughts and aspirations.

Cllr Bird, who is the cabinet member for regeneration and planning, told the group that he was exploring some exciting ideas for the future of No 1 Dock which will need considerable private investment.

He was also interested in the potential of the Old Harbour as a location for water activities.

During his talk, he responded to

many questions from FocusBARRY supporters relating to a broad range of Barry issues including problems with the principal highway infrastructure; commercial interests on Barry Island; the funfair; the Hood Road development; the Water Sports Activity Centre; the Biomass plant; consultation and engagement with the public; Barry regeneration, and Holton Road.

After the meeting, Cllr Bird said: "I enjoyed the night and found all the questions very interesting. I hope to have good relations with FocusBARRY as I value the group's commitment to the town."

## WARD COUNCILLORS' SURGERY IN BARRY

**THE** Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, December 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

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# Village lights up for homeless charity

**THE village of Aberthyn has been illuminated this December by an advent trail that serves a dual purpose – highlighting the good work of a south Wales homeless charity and boosting the local community spirit.**

Villagers' windows are being lit up with an array of festive displays.

Local resident Siobhan Bickerton told The GEM: "The advent trail has been a great success, encouraging community spirit and also raising money along the way for The Huggard Centre."

"The idea came about after seeing the advent windows in Arcot Street in Penarth last year."

"I mentioned the idea to some of my fellow villagers at the beginning of November and was bowled over by the enthusiasm."

"Rachel Jones in particular was very supportive and helped get this off the ground."

"She suggested that along with raising the community spirit we should also use the opportunity to raise money for a local charity."

"She suggested The Huggard Centre which I

agreed with because I work in Cardiff and have seen the rise in street homelessness over the years.

"It has been wonderful to see how many people from our small village have got involved – either by creating a window or turning up to support when windows are 'opened' at 6pm each night."

"This is the first 'Aberthyn Advent Window Trail' but definitely not the last."

"We are all looking forward to the culmination of the event at 6pm on Christmas Eve at The Hare and Hounds."

The Huggard Centre is a Cardiff-based charity which provides frontline services for homeless people. It provides vital support such as accommodation, washing facilities, hot meals and much more.

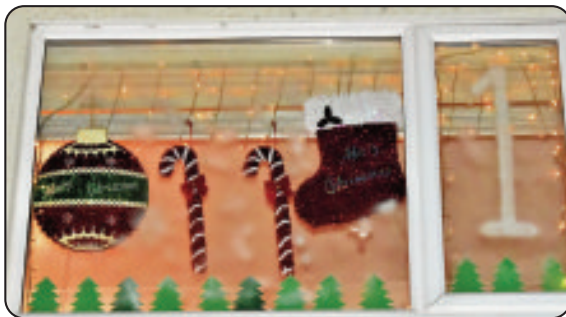
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To view more of Aberthyn's festive advent trail, visit: [aberthynadventtrail.wordpress.com/blog/](http://aberthynadventtrail.wordpress.com/blog/)

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Advent window nine by Rachel, Ian, Megan and Kate Howells.



Advent window one by Siobhan and Gareth Bickerton.



Advent window six by Katrina, Craig, Henry and Zachary Jackson.

## Man thought his wedding ring might be lost forever



The scene of the crime: the drain outside The Beach Hut.



Louis's ring needed a good clean.

**THE owner of a Barry Island shop was thrilled – and relieved – after Vale Council staff managed to retrieve his wedding ring from a drain on Paget Road.**

Staff dug out the sludge and combed through it for an hour before that 'Eureka' moment.

It was the second time that Louis Ross, who co-

owns The Beach Hut Boutique with Rhys Howells, had lost his ring last week.

First, Louis was serving in the shop on Tuesday when he suddenly realised he couldn't feel the ring on his finger. Someone picked up a beach towel and it flew to the ground and was found on the floor.

But later in the week something far worse happened.

"I was checking out

the water in my car and put my ring in my back pocket. When I finished, I took the ring out and it went flying, bouncing on the road."

"I shouted 'no' and raced after it. It was like a scene from a film."

It fell into a nearby drain.

Louis, who has been married to Lizi for six years, was wondering whether it was lost forever.

A man helped him get the lid off the drain and they started to search through the sludge.

In the end they had to abandon their attempts because it was getting too dark.

The next morning Louis appealed to Vale Council staff to help.

For an hour they used spades and a litter picker to trawl through the muck.

Louis explained: "It looked as if we weren't going to find it. They decided to have one more attempt and managed to find it."

"I feel very lucky and can't thank the council staff enough."

## Huge boost for Island

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Over the years councillors and campaigners have frequently called for more top-quality facilities on the Island.

Mark Vockins, who runs a local business, said he believed people would be enthusiastic about the plans.

"It is an ideal location for a restaurant, high up with amazing views and a nearby car park."

"Any new business is to be welcomed on the Island – especially

something different.

"The building has been derelict since 1995. It has a lot of potential with a roof terrace where people could enjoy drinks in the summer."

"It would be a great place to hold wedding receptions and host special occasions like christenings."

Mark said he thought the development would draw even more visitors to the area, not just local people, and that the restaurants would also be busy in the evenings.

## St Cadoc's wonderful Christmas tree display



Llancarfan pupils with the trees at St Cadoc's.

**ST CADOC'S Church in Llancarfan has opened its doors this year for everyone to admire the real Christmas trees on display – and bring a whole new meaning to the Christmas story.**

All the Llancarfan Primary School children were excited about the trees they prepared and placed in the church. Faces were excited, and adults and children had tears of joy at the feelings this activity produced.

St Cadoc's has launched 'Tree Fest' to raise money for the ongoing maintenance of the church and to help pay for further restoration work on the unique paintings discovered on the walls.

St Cadoc's has also linked up with the Stroke Association in Wales to raise money for the charity. 7,000 adults in Wales had a stroke last year and The Stroke Association provides support for stroke survivors and their families.

The sponsors for the Christmas Tree Festival were: The Waterloo Foundation, David Evans

Agricultural Ltd., A T Environmental Ltd., Cowbridge and The Vale Memorials, Fairwater Garage, The Fox and Hounds and the Thomas and Studley families.

Canon Derek Belcher said: "The church warden Mrs Kevin Barry and Mrs Sue Taylor, together with their band of workers, have worked exceptionally hard to make the 'Tree Fest' a reality."

"We have a special carol service on Sunday, December 17 at 7pm in St Cadoc's Church with the BellaDonna singers."

## Lee boxes to win

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Mexican boxers have a reputation for being tough and durable, but Lee's superior speed and skills proved more than decisive.

It wasn't a world title fight as Ramirez failed to make the featherweight limit, but it did set things up nicely for a huge clash in 2018 against Carl Frampton, Josh Warrington or Scott Quigg.

**Valeways guided walks ON Sunday, December 17 meet at Cold Knap car terrace car park in Barry at 2pm for a winter walk.**

On Wednesday, December 20 meet at 10am for a Naws y Nadolig/Jingle Bell Walk, meeting at Cowbridge Library (CF71 7RQ). At 12.30pm lunch at The Red Fox in Penllyn (call office to book).

On Wednesday, December 20 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston meet outside the visitor centre at 10.30am. On the same day the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major will meet at the town hall car park in Llantwit at 2.30pm.



## A fond family celebrates Alice's 40 years in Barry

IT takes a lot of blowing to put out 92 candles, so a circle of candles representing the Circle of Life adorned the cake of Barry resident Alice Viney.

On December 9 she was 92.

Around the bed on that date were Alice's children Alison Boniface and John Viney and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren to make the occasion memorable.

As is usual at these times, the laughter and fun spans generations and it was a pleasure to see Alice surrounded by presents from everyone.

Alice had been recently ill and spent some days in Llandough Hospital but was now gaining strength hoping to return to her active self.

Son-in-law Michael is keeping her topped up with his flavoured soups and a cup of tea is never far from reach.

Originally from the east end of London, Alice, one of eight children, moved to Barry with husband Jack around 40 years ago.



She has a large family in south Wales and in one photograph taken when all were at a holiday camp, 28 surrounded Alice in the picture.

The cake was cut and shared to young and old. We wish Alice a speedy recovery and return to full health. **JV**

## Eleri from Barry wins young person's award

**RIGHT:**  
Eleri Borges  
with David TC  
Davies MP.

**ELERI Rhian** Borges from Barry has won the award for 'Most Inspirational Young Person, having been nominated earlier in the year' by local MP **Alun Cairns**.

The charity Kids Count invited the 16-year-old and her family to the awards ceremony in Westminster, where she was awarded with the prize.

The MP for Monmouthshire, David TC Davies, presented Eleri with her award and commented on how impressed he had been with her voluntary work.

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who nominated Eleri for the award, added: "I am tremendously proud of Eleri for winning the award for Most Inspirational Young Person."

"When asked to nominate a child or young adult from the Vale of Glamorgan for the Kids Count Awards, it was difficult to choose between so many possible nominees."

"Eleri's dedication to voluntary work and proactive approach to improving her community stood out to me, and I am delighted that Kids Count have recognised her in this way. Best of luck with the future Eleri!"



## DINAS POWYS BOXING DAY WALK

**THE annual Dinas Powys Boxing Day Walk will start from the Village Square at 10am on Boxing Day.**

The free countryside walk takes around two hours and all walkers are welcome. Walk leader Geraint Thomas said: "This is a great way to get out in the fresh air and have a little exercise over the holiday period. This event has taken place every year for more than 40 years and is part of the Christmas tradition in Dinas Powys. Please make sure you are wearing good boots or wellingtons, as paths can be muddy, and a walking stick could well be handy."

## First step in return of Ferris wheel?

**Henry Danter the owner of Barry Island Pleasure Park.**

**BARRY** Pleasure Park owner Henry Danter has made an application to be allowed to operate a big wheel at the site.

Mr Danter took the Ferris wheel down early last month because it infringed planning regulations, but at the time he told The GEM he hoped it would return.

In recent weeks, the wheel has been in operation in London.

An application submitted to the Vale Council by Mr Danter is headed: "To operate a Ferris wheel within Barry Island Pleasure Park".

When the big wheel



was disassembled last month, a number of people contacted The GEM to say they missed seeing it on the Barry skyline, particularly at night when it was lit up.

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## Head chef from Barry wins national care home award

A HEAD chef from Barry who cooks for a variety of cultures has won an award for transforming the cuisine at a care home with restaurant-style a la carte menus.

Anthony Dyer may have only been at Penylan House Community Nursing in Cardiff for just over a year but he has impressed both staff and residents with the restaurant quality food he serves up on a daily basis.

In what is his first head chef role, the 42-year-old has to produce both kosher food for Jewish residents and halal food for Muslim residents, as well as meeting numerous dietary requirements, such as purée and diabetic friendly dishes.

It means Anthony has to operate two separate kitchens but that hasn't



Anthony Dyer with his 'Catering in Care' bronze award.

stopped him from introducing more menu options for residents throughout the day, which is a far cry from the 'standard' meals offered previously.

His hard work has led him to receiving the

Catering in Care bronze award at the Wales Care Awards 2017, during a glitzy ceremony at City Hall in Cardiff.

The prestigious national awards, run by Care Forum Wales and dubbed the 'Oscars' of the care industry, acknowledge the hard work and exceptional performances of those in the sector.

Anthony said: "It came as a big shock, I really didn't expect it, but it's a nice shock that's for sure. I'm very proud."

"It's nice that the residents appreciate the time you put in and also the rest of my staff, who are all so hard working. You can't do it all by yourself, you need a good team, which is what I have got."

"I've always loved cooking and creating dishes. My uncle was a head chef and I've had relatives who have run cafes and worked in hotels. It's in the blood."

## Probus Club learns about the hospital on Rat Island

ON December 5, Keith Moger recounted to the members of Dinas Powys Probus Club 'The Story of Hospital Care in The Capital of Wales.'

After 40 years as a senior manager and administrator working for South Glamorgan Health Authority and Bro Taf Health Authority, Keith has an unrivalled knowledge of the growth and development of care in south Wales.

Once retired, Keith decided to research in detail the history of services in the city and pointed out to the members that it was inevitable that more care would be needed, as the population of the city grew from 4,672 in 1881 to 170,000 by 1901. Before the NHS was established in 1978, hospitals were a rag-bag of independent care centres.

As the name suggests, voluntary hospitals were funded by public donations, money being raised through 'hospital days' and street processions.

An early hospital of this nature is now Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Local Authorities concentrated on establishing asylums, treating those with mental health issues.

It would not have been unusual for patients to spend their whole life in such places, with little contact with their families. Lansdowne and Whitchurch hospitals were originally of this type.

Poor Law hospitals provided care for the very poor. Doctors employed at other centres provided care free

when they could find time to visit. St David's Hospital in Cowbridge Road was one.

St Winifred's in Romilly Crescent was a private hospital and was one of the very few to resist being taken over by the NHS.

The Welsh Memorial Association hospital in Castle Street was originally a sanatorium to treat patients suffering with TB, but during World War One, it turned to fitting soldiers who had lost limbs with artificial legs. Later, it moved on to providing radiography treatment. It was the first of a string of Welsh sanatoriums, including Sully Hospital established in 1936.

As a major supporter in establishing Cardiff Royal Infirmary in 1823, William Diamond's name was carved on the stone entrance arch, where it is still visible. Unfortunately, doctors, for the sake of brevity, referred to it as 'Will Di's', which caused great consternation to patients being sent there.

Keith mentioned three further hospitals of interest; Ely Children's Hospital was a care home for children with learning disabilities but in the 1960s, it was the centre of a national scandal alleging ill treatment and lack of care for the children. A fortunate outcome was a national reconsideration of the treatment these children needed.

A cholera sanatorium was built on Flat Holm island to isolate sailors suffering from the disease from landing in Cardiff and in 1866, the hulk of HMS *Hamadryad* was towed to Rat Island in the Taff river and fitted-out as a hospital for seamen arriving in Cardiff suffering from tropical infections.

Dr Henry Paine was in charge, and treatment was funded by a levy of two shillings on shipping entering the docks.

The vote of thanks was given by Haydn Jones, a retired GP, who had himself spent time training in many of the hospitals mentioned by Keith.

## A wander in Wick for Penarth and District Ramblers

A GROUP of 22 walkers turned out to join Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers in the village of Wick at the start of a walk that took in many of the traditional stone stiles this area is known for.

Setting off by road past the village green and following part of Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail through green meadows, the route led them through Monks Wood where trees were planted by villagers to commemorate the Millennium and the site is managed by the Woodland Trust.

A quiet road, farm track and fields brought them to the wide cliff top above Traeth Mawr and joining the Wales Coast Path, more stiles led them eastwards along the cliff, while gazing at the massive Nash sandbank slowly being uncovered by the receding tide in the Bristol Channel.

Dropping steeply down to Cwm Nash for morning coffee on the pebble beach overlooking the Nash Brook, which was forming a cascade over the rocks, it was time to continue their journey along the wide sandy Nash beach to Nash Point.

Scrambling uphill over slippery rocks into Cwm Marcross across the man-made stepping stones over the brook and over a footbridge, they followed the road up through Marcross village past the pretty 12th century Holy Trinity Church.

Re-entering fields there were grand views of the Nash lighthouse,

which together with a smaller western lighthouse first showed a light in September 1832, in order to protect mariners from the treacherous sandbank and rocks in the channel where there had been many wrecks over the years.

Passing Parc Farm and following a muddy woodland track, their lunch stop came into view, the lovely 12th century St Donat's Church dedicated to St Dunwyd, which lies in the shadow of the medieval St Donat's Castle, built by the Stradling family who are honoured by a memorial in the Lady Chapel.

Refreshed, it was time to move on by road before heading west through ploughed and cropped fields to Llan Road, then more fields to the delightful barn conversion at Lower Monkton.

Spotting the old windmill of Melin Du away in the distance, it transpired that by the time they reached Church Road, they had crossed a total of 17 stiles since lunch, so heading back to the Star Inn where they received a lovely warm welcome, refreshments were enjoyed while watching the remaining 30 minutes of the Wales v South Africa rugby match and the glorious win under the Welsh belts rounded off a superb day.

On December 16, meet at 9am at Barry Dock Railway Station car park for a nine-mile moderate walk taking in Newton Merthyr Mawr and the River Ogmor; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

JOY STRANGWARD

## 'Angels One Four' in Penarth



Angels came from on high, so the carol goes, but where will you find them?

THE Angel Trail is a Christmas activity for families to do in their own time and at their own pace, and it is free.

There are angels hiding in 14 of Penarth's shops and in Penarth library, waiting for you to find them.

Discover the name of each angel and post your answers in the special post box in the library, to have a chance of winning the prize.

Leaflets with details of how to complete the trail are available from the library and from shops displaying an angel poster.

The final event of the trail this year will be held in Penarth library this Saturday, December 16, from 1pm to 3.30pm.

Drop in to hear the angel's story of Christmas and to take part in the angel activities. The winning entry will be drawn at 2pm.

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## Barry school holds charity 'Snow Ball'



Photo by Jack Hortop

IN aid of the charity 'Help Lanka', Barry Comprehensive School's Team Lanka 2018 organised a Snow Ball on December 1.

The evening was a huge success but was only made possible by the help and support received from the guests and organisations involved.

Barry Comprehensive School's Team Lanka 2018 would like to thank 'Your Day, Your Way' for dressing the room so beautifully, 'The Big What Band' for entertaining us all and our very own year-10 pupil, Jack Hortop, for taking such outstanding and professional photographs of the event.

He has a budding talent which we're sure will develop even further in the future. An impressive £2,000 was raised towards our cause. Thank you, and well done to all involved.

### ART WORKSHOP

On the weekend of November 25-26, two Barry Comprehensive School GCSE art pupils attended a workshop with the artist Heloise Godfrey-Talbot

at Fotogallery at the Turner House in Penarth.

Heloise led an art walk with a group of local GCSE pupils. During this walk they collected materials to make their own sculptures, responding to the environmental themes of the current Mike Perry exhibition at Fotogallery.

Year-11 student Antony Hellinger decorated pebbles with inspired drawings and Brandon Stevens, also year 11, completed a natural form influenced sculpture.

We are pleased that our pupils had this unique opportunity to be taught by an artist and develop their art skills, provided by Criw Celf. Criw Celf works with young people who show particular talent or interest in the visual arts, helping them to develop their potential. Criw Celf is funded by the Arts Council of Wales and is managed by the Arts Active Trust.

Well done to our GCSE art pupils for their extracurricular effort.

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## Barry U3A enjoys Christmas festivities

THE December meeting of Barry U3A met a little earlier than usual in order for members to enjoy a Christmas lunch.

Special thanks went to the dedicated members who spent extra time and effort to ensure that the tables and food were all laid out for everyone, and then they did the clearing away and washing up afterwards.

After lunch, the speaker was John Sheene of the Welsh acting family and his talk was entitled 'Christmas Crackers'. It was divided into 12 separate items for the 12 days of Christmas.

Members enjoyed had a selection of poems, prose, pantomime, a very funny Christmas cake recipe, a quiz and other stories. While all his items were extremely interesting and held our attention throughout, some were of particular note.

He read Dylan Thomas as only a Welshman can, and his reading of 'Prinderella', a jumbled up fairy story, was one of the funniest we'd ever

heard, with laughter rolling around the hall.

Some of the items, such as the pantomime extract, required audience participation, but all were Christmas orientated, such as the 'Amazing things to do with sprouts if you don't want to eat them' item.

John himself was extremely mellifluous and we all ended up with that wonderful feeling that only shared poetry and laughter can

bring at Christmastime.

It was a shame it had to come to an end.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8, at 2pm at the Bethel Baptist Hall in Park Crescent, Barry, CF62 5SA. Anybody in their third age is very welcome – just turn up, or call Christine on 01446 701537 for further information.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Family fun

A FREE family fun afternoon takes place at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry on Saturday, 16 December from 4pm-6pm. All welcome for craft, celebration and food.

Last chance to see 'The Story of Christmas'

THERE are just three more chances to see 'The Story of Christmas' in Barry this week, which is free for everyone.

Actors perform all the famous and well-loved elements of the Nativity – the searching by Mary and Joseph for a place to stay, the arrival of the shepherds after seeing their vision of the Angel, the birth of Jesus in the stable, the coming of the Wise Men and even a menacing appearance from King Herod.

The actors are from the Barry Churches of St Mary's, St Cadoc's, All Saints' and St Paul's.

The Story of Christmas is at St Mary's Church in Holton Road, Barry and there are performances every day until Saturday, December 16. Each performance lasts for around 25 minutes, on Thursday at 10.30am, 1.15pm and 6.30pm and on Friday and Saturday 10.30am and 1.15pm.

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# SS Great Britain: the ship that refused to die

**BARRY Yacht Club enjoyed an entertaining talk recently by retired naval commander Philip Unwin on the SS Great Britain.**

Commander Unwin's enthusiasm for this ship captured our imaginations and you could have heard a pin drop as he narrated his way through the life and times of this incredible 'gracious lady'.

Her life began as the epitome of style and elegance; she would become an Australian emigrant ship and bulk carrier for coal and what seemed to be the saddest of ends, a rusting wreck scuttled on the shores of the Falkland Islands awaiting her final demise with the prospect of the Atlantic Ocean as her final burial ground.

However, this was one plucky girl and when the opportunity came to rescue her and bring her on a pontoon over 8,000 miles back to her birthplace in Bristol Harbour, she showed her mettle in more ways than one.

This was an iron ship that had the temerity to tame the wild ways of the Atlantic to sail up the river Avon and return once more to the very dock in Bristol Harbour that was her birthplace in 1843, and 127 years later, she was back on her final incredible journey: restoration to her former glory.

Today she stands in her maritime museum with up to 200,000 visitors a year.

Commissioned in 1839, and launched by Prince Albert in 1843, she did not start her career until 1845. She was stuck in the harbour for 18 months as a result of harbour authorities failing to increase the width of the locks after the ship had been widened to accommodate the installation of a screw propeller.

She was to become the first ship to combine an iron hull with screw propulsion and indeed it would be fair to say that she is the 'Great Grandmother' of all ships of this ilk today.

Her engineering team was headed by the visionary engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

When finally completed in 1845, she was the largest ship in the world at 98 metres in length and 1,000 tonnes heavier than any other ship that had previously been built. Like other steam ships of this time, her propulsion was supported by sail power. She had four decks and could carry 360 passengers.

In 1845, she became the first steam ship to sail the Atlantic on her maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York which she completed in 14 days.

After some major changes as a result of storm damage, she commenced a second season with two more successful round trips before the ill-fated third journey of that year when, due to navigational errors, she ran aground on Dundrum Bay off the coast of Northern Ireland.

There she remained for 11 months before she was able to be floated free. However, the cost of doing this exhausted the company's reserves and she was sold for a mere £25,000.

The new owners gave her a total refit and used the opportunity to make further improvements to strengthen her. She made one more voyage to New York before being sold again.

Her new owners, Anthony Gibbs and Sons, saw the opportunity that Australia would present to them and she was given a third refit to increase her passenger numbers up to 730 and for the next 30 years, beginning in 1852, she would become an Australian emigrant sailing ship.

The only interruption to her time on this route was when she acted as a troop ship carrying soldiers during the Crimean War and Indian Mutiny. Another of her claims to fame was when she carried the first English

cricket team to tour Australia in 1861 (which England won).

If this had been the total of her career nobody could have argued that she had not had a full life. However, this girl was not giving up her days dancing on the high seas and in 1881, she started a new career transporting bulk coal.

Her final embarkation would be from Penarth, shipping coal to Panama in 1886, but after an on-board fire, she was found to be beyond repair when she docked at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands.

She was then used as a floating warehouse – a coal bunker of all things, and this she would continue to do for 50 years until 1937 when she was unceremoniously towed to Sparrow Cove, scuttled and abandoned.

Her decks would see nothing more than the picnics of locals in the years to come and her hulls would become one of the finest breeding grounds for local mussels, until 1970.

This was when the *SS Great Britain* project was formed. Chaired by Richard Gool-Adams and supported in great part by the wonderful philanthropy of Sir Jack Hayward, they agreed to salvage this ship following a survey that concluded that she could be re-floated.

A submersible pontoon, the *Mulus III*, was chartered together with a German tug, *Varius II*, and sent to the Falklands in February of 1970, arriving there in late March.

By mid-April, the *grande dame* had been re-floated and was on her way to Port Stanley to prepare for the final great voyage of her career.

On April 24, she said goodbye to the Falkland Islands which had been her home for the last 84 years. There was a great sadness amongst the locals as she had become a part of their very landscape.

She arrived in the Bristol Channel off Barry and Penarth on June 22 that year, after a voyage of 8,000 miles. Bristol-based tugs towed her (still on her pontoon) to Avonmouth Docks.

She was then taken off the pontoon and in what must have been one of the most memorable moments of her career she sailed once again, truly afloat, up the River Avon to Bristol, passing under her designer's most famous construction, the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

If Brunel could have witnessed that day himself, he would no doubt have shed a tear or two to see two of his greatest life's works paying the ultimate homage and respect to each other. This was the place to be on that particular day in 1970 and all who witnessed the moment would never forget it.

In the years ahead, she was restored to her former glory and now resides in her dock with a plate glass 'sea' at her watermark and is in every respect the peacock she had once been in 1843.

On the night of the talk from Cmdr Unwin, Her Majesty the Queen had, earlier that day commissioned the new aircraft carrier HMS *Queen Elizabeth* at Portsmouth when the White Ensign was raised.

It is interesting to think that if ships had DNA, then this wonderful new aircraft carrier would certainly be carrying some of her distant relative's genetic instructions, and that *SS Great Britain* would be smiling down on her and saying: "Go for it girl, the seas are waiting for you, and once you get there make sure you have a dance for me".

Steven Lord

# Choir ready for the festive period



**THE spirit of Christmas is at large among the choristers of Barry Male Voice Choir.**

Christmas sweaters and hats have become the new uniform of the day.

"We're a little disappointed that Santa didn't turn up this year," were the words of stage manager Sandy Sanderson. "It's been another wonderful year for the choir and we would have liked to thank him for his part in arranging everything."

Choir chairman Gareth Roberts added: "Our busy Christmas period has started."

"We have already sung as part of the switching-on of the High Street lights, taken part in the Advent service at St David's Church, Colcot, and at

the annual Wetherspoon Sir Samuel Romilly concert.

"Ahead we have a visit to Barry Hospital and our Christmas charity concert with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band at St Helen's RC Church, Wyndham Road, Barry, in aid of Blood Bikes on Saturday, December 16.

"This year's concert will start at 2pm, tickets are £5, children free. Tickets are available at the door or can be reserved on 01446 402398.

"Barry Male Voice Choir looks forward to sharing the occasion with new and old friends and wishes everyone a Happy Christmas."

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# Barry Men's Forum's railway nostalgia trip

**MEMBERS of Barry Men's Forum were entertained by Michael Wilcock with his video of heritage and current main line railway rolling stock.**

The opening shots were of the ex-Barry scrap yard locos, one being 5043 ex-GWR Castle Class *The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe* – fully restored and now used on main line heritage trains. It was built in 1936 before being consigned for scrap in 1963 to Woodhams Bros of Barry, then rescued in 1973 for restoration at the Birmingham Railway Museum at Tyseley.

This was followed by a video of a new build main line locomotive built to a design by the late engineer Archie Peppercorn, hauling trains at various locations such as Cardiff, Newcastle on Tyne, Paddington and the West Somerset Railway.

A brief history of the class 66 freight locomotives followed, which were built in Canada, most arriving at Newport Docks around the turn of this century.

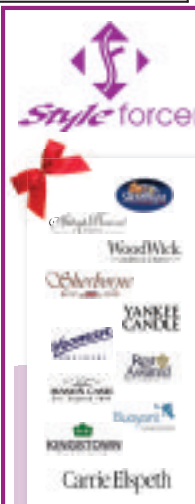
The last of this class of locomotive was named *Evening Star*, a reminder of the last steam locomotive carrying the same name now preserved at the National Railway Museum at York.

# Library's festive fair



*Rhoose Community Library held a Christmas fair on December 9. Cllrs Gordon Kemp and Matt Lloyd opened it and later we were pleased to welcome Vale MP Alun Cairns. It was well attended and festive fun was had by all.*

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Penarth Drop in – come to Penarth police station (front desk) to meet your local PCSO Leighanne Norris on Thursday, December 28 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

PCSO Rhianon Cummings will hold a police surgery at Llantwit Major Library on Thursday, December 14 between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

There will be a coffee and chat session held by PCSO Angela Stone at St Mary Hill Golf Club on Tuesday, December 19 at 11am.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

### Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

#### Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2017/00991/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed residential development, associated highway and ancillary works and the change of use of unused land to the rear of The Reading Rooms to enable Community Use  
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the South of the A48, Bonvilston  
Conservation Area:/  
Ardal Gadwraeth Bonvilston

#### Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2017/00689/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: The removal and replacement of the existing apsidal porch to the eastern elevation. The removal of existing ceiling joists to entrance lobby. The removal of existing ceiling joists and replacement with half the floor area replaced to form a gallery and double height space  
Location:/Lleoliad: The Lodge, Cottrell Park, St. Nicholas  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2017/01233/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacements to existing signage  
Location:/Lleoliad: Old White Hart Inn, Wine Street, Llantwit Major  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

#### Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2017/01261/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed roof alterations / first floor addition and remodelling of the dwelling to form a new Master Suite with en-suite bathroom and dressing room area, above an existing ground floor lounge  
Location:/Lleoliad: Malefant House, Llanmaes  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Barn at Great House Farm, Grade II

#### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2017/01162/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed continued implementation of planning permission 04/00700/FUL without compliance with Condition No. 1  
Location:/Lleoliad: Whitehall Quarry, Old Port Road, Wenvoe

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2017/01263/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Affordable residential development and associated works for 18 dwellings  
Location:/Lleoliad: Land off Gileston Road, St. Athan

#### May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2017/01263/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Affordable residential development and associated works for 18 dwellings  
Location:/Lleoliad: Land off Gileston Road, St. Athan

#### Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 14 December, 2017

V. L. Robinson  
Operational Manager,  
Regeneration and Planning,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT



# Still time to share the Spirit of Christmas

WITH the closing date of Friday, December 15, there is just one day left for the generous people of the Vale to take part in a new community project: Spirit of Christmas.

The project has been set up by Barry resident Ceri-Lou Newman who, after qualifying as a Funeral Practitioner, has now set up her own business as a Funeral Celebrant, writing and delivering services in the Vale and surrounding areas.

"Working with many bereaved people over the last few years and with, often, elderly and vulnerable people through my roles within Trinity Methodist Church, I was aware of how many people there are who have perhaps lost loved ones or don't have family close by and as a result just don't look forward to Christmas.

"I wanted to show them that they are held in the thoughts of the community at this time of year, which can be especially hard for some when they feel their loss even more."

Members of the public are being invited to wrap a suitable Christmas present (writing on the packaging briefly what the gift is) and drop it off at one of the four funeral directors who have kindly offered to take them in on Ceri-Lou's behalf: they are Hickman Road Funeral Home in Penarth, Parkman Funeral Directors in (Camms Corner) Dinas Powys, A G Adams Funeralcare in Barry and W A Brown & Son Funeralcare in Llantwit Major.

The gifts will then be sorted and allocated to individuals known to the funeral directors through their work in the community, to residents



Pictured from left to right: Jayne Walker, Ceri-Lou Newman and Ro Newman.

of various care and residential homes and a number of seniors' clubs that meet all over the Vale.

Gift ideas include tins of biscuits or sweets, pretty calendars, indoor gardening sets and adult colouring books with pencils.

More suggestions can be found on Ceri-Lou's website [www.cherishedmemories.wales](http://www.cherishedmemories.wales).

"I'd like to say a big thank you to those who have so kindly donated already and especially to the funeral homes who have helped by facilitating the collection.

"Someone receiving a box of chocolates or a notebook for Christmas from a stranger is not going to change their world, I know, but it reminds them that they are being thought of at this time of year and it's good to spread a bit of joy with others isn't it? To me, that's the real spirit of Christmas."

## Vale AM's 'disappointment' over NatWest closures

JANE Hutt has added her concerns to those expressed in last week's GEM by Alun Cairns MP and Suzy Davies AM over the closure of NatWest branches in the area.

A spokesperson said she has written to NatWest saying she is "disappointed" at the company's decision.

The Vale AM added: "Having previously campaigned strongly against bank closures in Llantwit Major and

Dinas Powys, I am dismayed that NatWest will be closing its Cowbridge branch next year.

"I am particularly concerned about the detrimental impacts of local branch closures on elderly, vulnerable and digitally excluded customers, as well as potential difficulties for small business customers in accessing special advice and other necessary and frequent business transactions.

"I would yet again urge NatWest to reconsider."

## Cowbridge Country Market COWBRIDGE Country Market would like to wish all its friends and supporters a very happy Christmas.

It is open on Friday, December 15, with a great selection of goods and a chance to stock up on last minute delights, including Billy's bread and silver jewellery.

It will also be open on Friday, December 22 for collection only of previously ordered items.

Empty jam jars are welcome ahead of the marmalade making in January.

We look forward to seeing you in the Lesser Hall from 9.30am.

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**Bowls coffee morning**  
LLANTWIT Major Bowls Club are holding a coffee morning at 10am to 12pm on Saturday, December 16 in the Bowls Pavilion, Boverton Road.

Entrance £3 including refills and there will be a Ladies' Accessories

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Table (benefit to Llantwit in Flower group) book sale, bring and buy, cakes, and raffle.

**Choral Society**  
COWBRIDGE Choral Society's annual Christmas concert is in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on December 16 commencing at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from WG

**Davies, newsagent in High Street, Cowbridge; from choir members or at the box office on 01446 792175.**

This year we are joined by the children from Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School. Tickets are £8, which includes a glass of wine. Student admission is free.

## AM calls for 'fair slice of funding cake'

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has expressed his concern after no project in the Vale was awarded lottery funding in the latest round.**

The Big Lottery Fund (BLF) has said that 65 communities across Wales have been successful in their applications and will share over £400,000.

Claiming residents would again feel "left out" Mr Davies said it was important funds were split with all parts of Wales.

He pointed to the Ogmores-By-Sea village hall, which had previously failed to get funding, as one such example that would benefit.

He said he had contacted the BLF to find out how many applications were received from the Vale and called for better advertising so more

projects would be aware of the funding.

Mr Davies said: "Communities across the Vale regularly feel ignored, and it is disappointing that no local projects were awarded money in the latest round of lottery funding.

"I can think of several projects like the Ogmores-By-Sea village hall that would have benefited.

"Over £400,000 will be spent across Wales, but sadly none of this is coming to the Vale.

"I have therefore contacted the Big Lottery Fund to determine how many applications were received. If local projects were considered then people will rightly be unhappy that none were awarded funding.

"If few applications were received, then we need to ask why. The funding must be better advertised across the Vale so communities are aware it is available and we can get a fair slice of the cake."



## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

# Brexit talks have reached a milestone

**THE process of exiting the European Union has reached a milestone.**

The news that agreements have been reached on the essential matters of citizens' rights, Northern Ireland and the financial settlement means that the first phase of negotiations has been concluded. This landmark point has been widely reported on, with several media outlets giving their view on that which has been decided and what it will mean for us here in the UK.

As the MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, I wish to clarify the agreements reached and how they will affect local residents.

An agreement has been reached with the European Commission on the three important issues that the Government has been discussing in the first phase of the negotiations: citizens' rights, the financial settlement and Northern Ireland.

From the outset, the UK Government has been clear that our goal is for EU citizens living in the UK and UK citizens living in the EU to carry on living their lives in broadly the same way as they were before the Brexit vote. It is excellent news that the agreement reached has secured this.



**Vale MP  
Alun Cairns**  
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This provides certainty on residents' rights to remain in their chosen country, as well as healthcare, pensions and other benefits.

EU citizens who have paid into the UK system, and UK

residents who have contributed to systems in the EU country where they reside, will continue to benefit from that which they have put in.

We are a country that honours its obligations and that is what we will do. A financial offer has been made by the Government to the EU, the sum of which is money that we would have paid anyway. The Prime Minister has been clear that this offer only stays on the table while agreements are made; if there is no agreement then our offer falls away.

The agreement on Northern Ireland is vital to the union of the United Kingdom. Both the UK and the EU have pledged that there will be no hard border between Northern Ireland and Ireland. The best way to avoid a hard border is to negotiate the right trading relationship between the UK and the EU and that is what we will now be able to do as we progress to phase two.

As with any negotiation, both sides have their preferred outcome and steps must be taken by all to meet in the middle. The milestone that has been reached in recent days has proved promising and has demonstrated that a positive post-Brexit relationship is in the best interests of the EU and the UK.

## Get in the frame with Jake Morley Photography

**JAKE MORLEY Photography is now open at 222 Holton Road, Barry, and his lovely studio offers beautiful children's portrait photography and gorgeous wedding photography.**

If you fancy something amazing to hang on your wall then you're in the right place - Jake has 10 years experience as a working photographer and his style is eclectic, stylish, modern and creative.

The studio is focused on his Wolf Folk photography sessions - these are all about creating beautiful children's portraits, creating wall art for your

home that you can treasure; see [wolffolk.co.uk](http://wolffolk.co.uk) for more information.

The sessions last around 45 minutes and are usually individual portraits shot in a cool and creative way, with a range of wooden backdrops, beautifully lit with an earthy and organic feel.

Gift cards are available, starting at a special opening offer of £150 for a shoot including a USB of high resolution images - to arrange your shoot call 07984 030240 or visit [jakemorley.co.uk](http://jakemorley.co.uk)

The studio is also a base for Jake's established wedding photography; known for its nostalgic and natural feel, he shoots weddings locally, nationally and abroad.



### CALLING ALL SCHOOLS!

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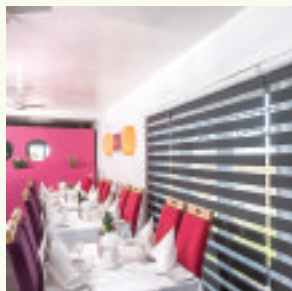


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# Farming Matters

## The farming community must adapt to survive

**M**ANY of us will be familiar with Darwin's theory that 'it is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change.'

Yet change is something many of us will find difficult to deal with from time to time. How much we resist change will depend on how much value we see in what we're being asked to change, or how possible it is for us to actually make that change.

And while change is often necessary, it can be frightening, of course.

However, the industry must move with the times, and we must embrace change – that it is inevitable. Our industry must keep moving forward and embrace technology if we want to see it survive.

So, as managers of our businesses we have to illustrate to our employees or family members, the benefits of change so that they, hopefully, develop an excited and positive attitude.

At the same time, we would expect the same from government and policy makers to show us exactly why certain changes are beneficial.

Change you would argue has to make us more resilient as an industry and that change for the sake of change is pointless. Forward planning and horizon scanning are some of the buzzwords we are all too familiar with in the



by **RACHEL SAUNDERS** of the F.U.W.

context of change.

Uncertainty in the world, the need to maintain relevance and deliver value are also key drivers behind the need to evolve.

Yet in the context of Brexit, there is a brutalism in statements from our politicians, which predict that only the top 25 per cent of some sectors will thrive post-Brexit.

So, what about the rest of the people? It is very easy to be elitist, and to take the high performers with you. But how do you take the rest of the people with you?

For our communities and societies to work, we need everyone to have a chance. For change to work in our benefit we have to look after the 75 per cent that might struggle with the change coming their way and offer a helping hand.

And that is exactly what the F.U.W. will do. We will try our best to make sure that the changes coming your way are happening for the right reasons, and that they will deliver a prosperous future for the many, not just the few.

# Keith's 'green Movember' raises £1,200 for Marie Curie

A GREAT-grandfather who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumours in September and given weeks to live has taken part in Movember – and even had a daffodil painted on his head, and his moustache dyed green, in aid of charity.

Edward John – who is known as Keith to family and friends – has been staying at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth since October, and pledged to grow a Chopper Reid style moustache during November to raise money for Marie Curie.

The charity's Bridgeman Road hospice provides round-the-clock care and support to people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

Throughout November, more than £1,200 was raised through his JustGiving page for the hospice.

"I wanted to give something back to the hospice, who have been looking after me so well," said Keith, from Barry.

"I pledged to grow some serious facial and head hair in my final days. I haven't grown any facial hair since the 1970s and have always shaved."

Keith dyed his facial hair green and had a Marie Curie daffodil painted in the centre of his head as part of the fundraising. Les the

barber gave up his own time to help Keith achieve his goal.

His son, Mark, writing on the fundraising website, said: "My Dad Keith is a truly inspirational man."

"He has lived his life always putting others first and always happy to help anyone out of a sticky spot. In fact he has always his family and friends before his own needs."

He said since receiving the news about the tumours at the end of September, the family have been through a tough time, but added that staff at the hospice have been "amazing" during his dad's stay.

"Please support him in his feat to achieve this and I will post updated photographs to prove he is reaching his goal."

"This is another inspirational and worthy cause proving my dad is an all-round good egg and always looking to put a positive spin on things and help others."

His daughter, Diane Chatwell, added: "My father is one amazing man, he is always thinking of others."



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### We've Got Talent

ON Friday, December 15 at Bethel Baptist Church in Barry the youth groups will be hosting an evening of talent.

The doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments and cakes available during an interval with a suggested donation of £2 per person.

All ages welcome. The show is to raise money for the youth to go away for an adventure weekend.

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Christmas is a time when more cash changes hands, especially £20 and £50 notes, and fraudsters take advantage of the festive season by targeting busy shops with temporary staff.

Director of Operations for Crimestoppers, Roger Critchell, said: "Fake

notes are completely worthless and knowingly holding or passing on counterfeit notes is a crime."

"The purpose of this campaign is to raise awareness of counterfeit money, especially around Christmas when money can be tight, but also to highlight how heartless and callous fraudsters can be when targeting their victims."

If you have information on those making, selling or buying counterfeit notes then please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through our Anonymous Online Form at crimestoppers-uk.org/give-info.

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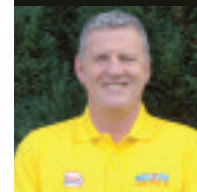
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# 'Resilience programme' launched at local school

**FORMER Welsh rugby captain, Ryan Jones, made visited Mary Immaculate High School recently to share his experiences of dealing with the pressures of performing at the highest level and developing the personal skills and self-belief needed to achieve his goals.**

As part of a 'resilience programme' introduced at Mary Immaculate this year, pupils at the school in Wenvoe will have access to a range of events, guest speakers, university visits, business partnerships, and mentoring opportunities, designed, said a spokesperson, "specifically to raise

aspirations, develop mental toughness and increase personal confidence".

Assistant headteacher Huw Richards said: "Reducing the impact of poverty on attainment is one of the Welsh Government's three national priorities. We are fully supportive of this agenda here at Mary Immaculate and are a designated 'closing the gap' school.

"This means that we are piloting a number of new approaches to build resilience and encourage ambition among young people, and will share best practice in this area with other schools across Wales.

Mr Jones said: "It was a pleasure to come and visit Mary Immaculate and it is really important that the school helps build pupils' resilience."



Ryan Jones with some of the pupils of Mary Immaculate.

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But despite that, a survey\* has revealed that a quarter of UK adults are still risking sight loss by not having an eye test every two years, as recommended.

The research carried out by Specsavers and Royal National Institute of Blind People also identified that 250 people nationally start losing their sight every day despite half of all cases being avoidable. Routine eye tests are key in detecting and managing issues early.

Specsavers has just opened its 800th UK and Irish store in Sainsbury's in Preston – part of its ongoing drive to make eye care more accessible. It is the fifth outlet Specsavers has opened within a supermarket this year, with more to follow.

Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff cut the

ribbon to the 800th store and popped in for an eye test. The cricketer turned broadcaster said: 'So many of us take our sight for granted. To see how far eye care has developed since Specsavers opened its first store is incredible.'

Specsavers features the latest clinical technology and highly qualified and professional teams. Complete glasses start at £25 with two for one available from £69. A variety of designer styles, including Kylie Minogue Eyewear, BOSS Orange and the new Balmain range are also available.

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\* The State of the Nation Eye Health Report 2017: A Year in Review

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## Charity donates parcels to Christmas hospital babes



**BLISS, a charity for premature and sick babies, has donated Christmas parcels to every neonatal unit in Wales including the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.**

The Christmas gifts will arrive at the neonatal units this week and will be distributed by staff and volunteers.

The parcels, which also contain gifts for parents, comprise: a Bliss branded teddy bear, dungarees, photo frame, children's book, snacks and toiletries.

The parcel includes additional information about the support parents can receive from Bliss. The majority of these gifts have been donated by

Bliss's corporate partners including Pampers, Mothercare, Barnack Confectionary and Mush.

Caroline Lee-Davey, chief executive at Bliss said: "Having a baby on the neonatal unit can be an isolating experience for parents – especially at Christmas. We hope through this small gesture, we can let parents know that they aren't alone.

Head of Nursing for Children's Services for NHS Wales Eirlys Thomas said: "On behalf of all the parents and babies we would like to thank Bliss for their kind donations. They will certainly cheer up all the parents who will need to spend Christmas in hospital with their babies."

## NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY Planning to create a new colony next year

**HAS winter finally arrived? Single figure temperatures and even some snow would suggest it has.**

However, yet to come are wet and windy weather patterns accompanied by double figure temperatures, and such conditions will certainly encourage the bees to venture outside.

In the main, there is much less external activity. However, when favourable temperatures do occur, out come the bees.

Here at Fonmon, all colonies are well provisioned and have had Varroa control treatment earlier in the year.

The mesh floors allow dead mites and hive debris to fall into the trays under them and yield information to the

beekeeper as to the position of the colony within, and gives some idea of the mite situation.

I still have a swarm box up in a tree alongside the main apiary, and it is occupied. There was some interest shown in acquiring this swarm from two people but that never happened, and it is my intention to lower them down and site them in the main apiary.

This cannot be done until there is a prolonged spell of cold weather that will confine the swarm to their box. If I try to move them while they are still active, the flying bees will keep returning to the location that they occupied before the move i.e. the tree, and will perish.

Once the move is carried out and the swarm survive the winter, it will be next spring before any internal inspection can be carried out. The swarm box is really only a temporary home and the bees within should be transferred to a proper hive as soon as possible.

Once they are at ground level and in the apiary, they will stay as they are. Because the swarm box is only temporary, it does not hold a full complement of frames, there is a lot of space within. The bees will have built comb to fill the space and provide themselves with living and storage space.

A swarm is pre-programmed to build a new home and they do precisely that. The downside here is that of instead of the new comb being built in nice wooden frames, it will be attached to what is the roof of the box and when it comes time to inspect them, the lifting of the roof will also lift the attached comb – it will be interesting, to say the least.

Care and patience should see a successful outcome; it will be tricky and as I hope to have a new beekeeper present who will be giving this swarm a new home. Some beekeeping knowledge will be passed on.

Meanwhile, I have repairs to the apiary structure to carry out. A new entrance gate is long overdue, the workbench is collapsing and the vegetation requires cutting back.

All will be done before spring arrives and before the beekeeping year picks up once more – watch this space.

**HAROLD WILLIAMS**



## Barry Island beach decorated with giant 'Christmas Jumper'



**VISITORS braving the cold on Barry Island beach were put in the Christmas spirit recently when faced with a giant festive jumper created in the sand to mark Save the Children's fundraiser, 'Christmas Jumper Day'.**

Save the Children teamed up with Pembrokeshire 'sand circles' artist, Marc Treanor, to mark the event by creating a Christmas jumper design on beaches in Anglesey, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Christmas Jumper Day is back for the sixth year running on Friday, December 15, and is expecting over 5 million people across the UK to take part to help raise money for children around the world. Taking part is simple by signing up at [christmasjumperday.org](http://christmasjumperday.org), sticking on a seasonal sweater and donating £2.

Schoolchildren from local primary school Ysgol Sant Baruc and the Save the Children's Ambassador in Wales and former S4C and HTV weather presenter

Jenny Ogwen, who lives in Barry, staff and supporters of the charity joined Marc at the beach to help him create and capture the artwork.

Marc Treanor said: "When I was approached by Save the Children to re-create a Christmas Jumper on a beach, I jumped at the chance to help. Beaches are not traditionally associated with Christmas, so I am looking forward to the challenge of working on Welsh beaches in December, and supporting a great charity which helps children all over the world as well as here in Wales."

Louise Davies, the head of Save the Children in Wales added: "We're thrilled to have the support of talented artists and famous names to promote this year's Christmas Jumper Day in

Wales. "All money raised could help give a child living in a refugee camp clothes to keep them warm through winter, help us buy nutritious food for their entire family, or set up a safe space to give children the chance to be children again."

"It could also help our work in some of the most deprived communities in Wales supporting families through our programme work."

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### An expert's advice could help to avoid any dispute

**B**RENDAN SWEENEY, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population does not have a Will.

A Will takes effect on your death, and is an instruction as to what is to happen to your estate.

Probate disputes and challenges to Wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a Will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to inheritance tax.

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Lyndsay explained: "We continue with our family ethos to serve our families to the highest of standards we are known for.

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"We aim to give care and compassion in dealing with the bereaved family requirements and appreciate that each funeral takes on a different role. No two funerals are the same, as each loved one deserves a personal tribute.

"It is a rare privilege to be a funeral director, to stand in a sensitive position at a crucial time in the midst of your family, knowing that the high standards of our service and reputation will help you through the most difficult time in your lives.

"We cannot make the pain from losing a loved one go away, but through our efforts, our hope is to make the journey of grief less lonely and perhaps a little easier."

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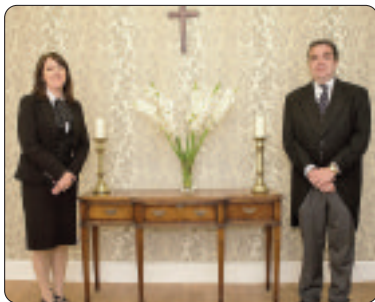
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## Remembering loved ones



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**C**HILDREN who have suffered a bereavement recently were invited to a special evening at Cardiff's Build-A-Bear Workshop where they could choose and dress their own individual bear to take home.

It was organised thanks to a partnership between the Build-A-

Bear Workshop in St David's shopping centre and Barnardo's Cymru, which runs the Cardiff and Vale Child and Family Bereavement Service.

The service supports families who have experienced a significant bereavement, trauma or loss. It uses therapeutic strategies such as one to one work, play therapy and creative group work to explore thoughts and feelings and help families manage their loss.

Barnardo's chief executive, Javed Khan, said: "Christmas can often be a difficult time for the vulnerable children, young people, carers and parents we support each year.

"It is wonderful that Build-A-Bear Workshop has given them the opportunity to create some special Christmas memories. We are also really grateful that they will be helping to raise money towards our services."

## Mel & Ron Watkins funeral Services

**M**EL and Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Pencoed held their first Christmas Memorial Service on December 8 at Salem Chapel, Pencoed.

The service was to help remind families who have lost loved ones about the warmth of shared Christmases past, of the brightest Christmases to come and the importance of fellowship and support; and an occasion for people to come together and remember loved ones at this special time of year.

The service included placing a memorial star on a Christmas tree or lighting a candle, and joining Cowbridge Male Voice choir in singing

carols.

With wonderful performances from Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and soloist Claire Edwards, the service was led by the Reverend Richard Roberts with readings from Amy Watkins, Russell Lewis and Beryl Vaughan. There was also a collection on the evening for local charity Y Bont, and over £500 was raised for this worthy cause.

Ron, Alan, Amy and Aled wish to thank everyone involved in helping make their first Christmas Memorial Service such a success. With special thanks to Rev Richard Roberts, Rhianon Williams, the Friends of Salem and Pencoed Town Council, it's hoped that another service will be held next Christmas.



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## Barry Round Table hopes to make organisations' Christmas wishes a reality

**BARRY Round Table, the group behind the Barry Santa sleigh and Barry charity calendar has set out its plans to make local organisations wishes a reality at the start of 2018.**

Santa Christmas Wish is now in its second year after giving away over £750 worth of items to local groups at the start of 2017.

Items delivered included tea and coffee, cricket balls, first aid kits and a printer, all of which have helped to support the work of local organisations in Barry.

Barry Round Table has opened up applications to local groups who can apply for up to £50 worth of equipment or items that must benefit, support and

make a difference to local individuals or the community of Barry.

Successful applicants will be presented with their items in January 2018 during Barry Round Table's annual presentation night.

Barry Round Table chairman Anthony Price said: "It's great for us to begin 2018 by supporting our local community through the funds raised on the Barry Santa sleigh and Barry charity calendar.

"The equipment we donated at the start of this year has already made a huge impact to local groups in Barry and we would urge others to come forward with their requests."

Applications for Santa's Christmas Wish close on December 26 and must be submitted via [www.barrysantasleigh.co.uk](http://www.barrysantasleigh.co.uk). **RTS**

## It's better by bus on 'Black Friday'

**CARDIFF Bus is helping Christmas and New Year's revellers get home safely this festive season.**

The bus operator is calling on party goers to ensure they choose a safe, convenient and value for money travel choice after enjoying the Christmas and New Year's festivities.

Cardiff Bus is supporting customers this festive season with its comprehensive network of services running across the city from early to late, seven days a week, including all night buses to selected areas.

It is also offering reduced fare prices on 'Black Friday', December 22, with Cardiff and Barry Day to Go tickets just £3, Day to

Go Plus priced at £4, and a Group Day to Go ticket for five people for £10.

Commercial manager at Cardiff Bus Gareth Stevens said: "At Cardiff Bus we recognise that thousands of people will be enjoying a very merry Christmas across our network.

"As well as our Black Friday ticket offer we have regular night buses to most parts of the city, and for those not out that late, we have buses to all parts of the city from early to late seven days a week.

"Once again this year our free New Year's Eve night buses will also be returning, to ensure everyone can welcome in the New Year hassle-free. "All our timetables are available online and through social media channels to provide our passengers with the

information they need this December."

Their call for passengers to plan their travel in advance was echoed by South Wales Police Chief Inspector Ian Randall.

Chief Inspector Randall said: "We want people to come to Cardiff to enjoy the Christmas season and what the city has to offer.

"Our focus is very much on encouraging people to enjoy the season sensibly and in a safe and secure surroundings.

"Throughout this festive period we will be working closely with our partner agencies to ensure that everybody has a good time and that they get home safely. As always, we would encourage people to plan their journey home in advance."

## '10 reasons to join Glamorgan Voluntary Services'

**HERE are 10 reasons to join Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) for community groups operating in the Vale, said a GVS spokesman:**

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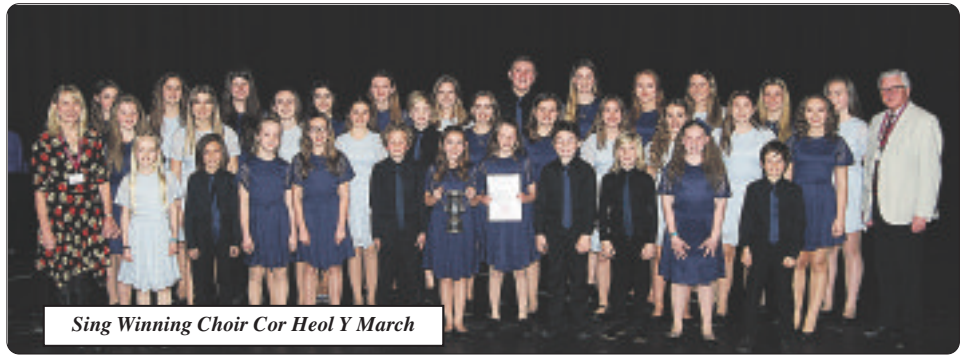
# Music in the Vale winners announced



Instrumental young intermediate winner Heledd Wyn Newton with David Shillaw.



Senior vocal winner - George Curnow.



Sing Winning Choir Cor Heol Y March



Sing Choir Winner Trophy presentation with Helen Knight



Vocal young senior winner, Matthew Daly.



Junior vocal winner - Sofia Easterby with Owen Webb.



The young instrumental intermediate winner, Rhianna Hogg.



Instrumental intermediate winner Samuel Finch.



Instrumental young senior winner, Tomos Boyles



Vocal intermediate winner Megan Jones.

Stanwell School offered its theatre and studios to Music in the Vale for its annual competition for young singers and instrumentalists, aged eight to 23.

More than 70 performers delighted the audience and adjudicators with their performances and contrasting programmes.

The adjudicators were Helen Knight, who is a member of the examining panel of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Owen Webb studied at the Royal College of Music and Drama and is following a distinguished career.

James Walker studies at the Royal Academy of Music and has played with many orchestras including the London Philharmonic. David Shillaw

recently retired after 38 years with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The performers had very experienced accompanists Sally Tarlton, Emma Arscott and Rhiannon Pritchard.

The winners were: singers – George Curnow (senior), Matthew Daly (young senior), Megan Jones (intermediate), Rhianna Hogg (young intermediate), Sofia Easterby (junior) and choir Cor Heol y March.

Instrumentalists Ben Tarlton (cello), Tomos Boyles (piano), Samuel Finch (flute), Heledd Wyn Newton (harp) and Stefanie Maurer (guitar).

A winners' concert will take place at Stanwell School on Sunday, January 28 at 2pm. Tickets £5 may be purchased in advance or on the door.

Visit [www.musicinthevale.org.uk](http://www.musicinthevale.org.uk) for more information.



Instrumental senior winner, Ben Tarlton.



Instrumental junior winner, Stefanie Maurer

## AM questions health board payout to former chief executive

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has demanded answers from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board – after it emerged its former chief executive received a six-figure pay out on leaving the role.**

According to the health board – Paul Roberts stood down from the role in March to “pursue other healthcare roles”. He

had previously been temporarily replaced as a result of illness.

It has emerged he received £113,213 for the termination of his employment – plus an additional £50,000 payment in lieu of notice.

Pointing out the health board made a £36.4m overspend in 2016-17 Mr Davies said patients would want to know why redundancy payments were to someone who had supposedly stood down voluntarily.

Mr Davies said: “Many people will

struggle to understand how someone who has voluntarily left their job can be in line for a pay-out of more than the Prime Minister’s salary.

“The financial management of ABMU Health Board has rightly come in for serious criticism – and with decisions like this it is no wonder.

“It is quite astonishing that they are overspending by £35m – and at the same time paying redundancy to people who are supposedly leaving to take on other jobs elsewhere.

“I will be writing to the health board to express my concern – and ask them to justify their decision.

“If Mr Roberts tendered his resignation there should have been no need for a pay-out. It is clear there are serious questions for the health board to answer.”

An ABMU spokesperson said: “Paul Roberts left his position of ABMU chief executive earlier this year by mutual agreement with the health board. The settlement was part of that agreement and it was formally agreed by our remuneration committee.”

## Meryl named winner of NFU recipe book



Meryl Davies receiving her copy of Countryside Kitchen: Farm, Food, Fork at the Glamorgan GEM offices.

**MERYL Davies from Porthcawl is the lucky winner of the recent competition run by The GEM to bag a copy of the NFU recipe book Countryside Kitchen: Farm, Food, Fork.**

Mrs Davies successfully identified farmer Adam Henson as a regular presenter on the BBC television

programme *Countryside*. She is shown here with GEM editorial staffer Andy Johnstone receiving her book.

The GEM wishes to thank the many entrants to the competition, and the NFU for supplying a copy of *Countryside Kitchen: Farm, Food, Fork*.

*Countryside Kitchen* can be bought via the NFU Countryside website ([countrysideonline.co.uk](http://countrysideonline.co.uk)) for £15.95 plus P&P.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castelland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, December 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am – 11am. No appointment is necessary.

### Boxing Day swim

WHITMORE Bay Voluntary Lifeguards SLSC will be holding their annual Boxing Day swim on Tuesday, December 26. We will be meeting outside the lifeguard station at the end of the Western Shelter at 11.30am.

## Award for Vale AM from Muslim body



The Vale AM receives her award.

**ONE of this year's Muslim Council of Wales Award recipients was Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt.**

Recognised for her contribution in the third sector as founding coordinator of Welsh Women's Aid, South Glamorgan County Councillor serving the Riverside ward and the longest serving minister in the Welsh Government, Jane Hutt thanked the Muslim Council of Wales for the honour and pledged to continue to serve the community.

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# A 'Christmas first' for Wales, and it's in the Vale



IMAGES by JOHN O'BEIRNE

The Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Janice Charles, attended the Christmas party at the Memorial Hall which entertained 170 people who receive care in the Vale. She described the atmosphere on the day as 'fabulous'.



**THE Memo was full of laughter and fun on November 28, when a Christmas party was held for 170 people who all who receive care in the Vale.**

The afternoon included a performance by the children of Ysgol St Curig, a 'decorate your table' competition, party games, magicians, face painting, and singing and dancing by Tony Kinsey.

The Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, judged the table competition, which was sponsored by local entrepreneur Simon Llewellyn of Hot Diggidy Dog sauce company. It was won by Springbank Nursing Home.

Cllr Charles said: "I was delighted to attend the event and I would like to thank everyone who has put in so much work to make it a huge success."

"The atmosphere and the costumes were fabulous, the tables too. It was very hard to choose a winner."

Gillian Baranski, Chief Inspector of the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales, also attended and was reported to have been



Rachel Kemp of College Fields and Keri Llewellyn of All Care who thought up the event.

impressed with the concept. Care Communities Acting Together has eight care homes, three domiciliary care agencies and an extra care building in its group and is set to have further members in the new year.

Spokesperson for the group, Rachel Kemp, said: "Working together we have been able to achieve an amazing afternoon for the people we care for. We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their support."

"It is wonderful to see collaboration that results in such a positive way."





# James Franco's telling of the making of *The Room* is anything but a Disaster...

**T**HERE are many films that can be described as being the worst film ever made; however, only one has adopted that mantle and embraced it, and that is Tommy Wiseau's *The Room*.

A film that is genuinely awful, it has nonetheless picked up a cult following (and made something of a hero out of director/writer/actor Wiseau) and now the making of the film is chronicled in *The Disaster Artist*.

Directed by James Franco, it tells of a meeting between Greg (Dave Franco) and Tommy (James Franco) at an acting class. When the pair move to Los Angeles to try and further their careers, Tommy uses his savings to make his passion project, *The Room*, after Greg suggests the only way they will star in a film will be if they make it themselves.

However, the finished product is less than impressive, but suddenly takes on a life of its own, one neither Greg or Tommy are prepared for...

There's a point, about two-thirds of the way through *The Disaster Artist* where one of the

cast members of *The Room*, after a morning of working in 100 degree heat with no air conditioning, shuts down the grumblings of her cast mates by saying that "...even the worst day on a movie set is better than the best day anywhere else."

And that is what the core of *The Disaster Artist* is about – the magic of cinema, the lure of stardom and success. Yes, it's a story about one man's unwitting folly, a negative that is turned (somehow) into a positive, but James Franco's sympathetically-told film is one that strives to show the good rather than laugh at someone doing nothing more than chasing their dream.

The real Tommy Wiseau is so mysterious that calling him an enigma doesn't really suffice – indeterminate age, indeterminate nationality (despite his thick eastern European accent, he says he's from New Orleans) and a man of indeterminate means (estimates put *The Room* as costing Wiseau personally \$6 million). He's a character ripe for poking fun at, but what's so wonderful both about James Franco's performance and the



by GARETH JAMIESON

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way he's written, is that they get to the man beneath the mystery.

He's just a guy who wants to be an actor, determined to achieve his goal no matter what, and while Franco nails Wiseau's off-kilter personality, he never strays into lampooning him. A scene that features Wiseau interrupting a Hollywood producer's dinner in a fancy restaurant runs the gamut from being hilarious to heartbreaking, beautifully conveyed by Franco's superb performance, as he is given some harsh truths.

Opposite him, his brother Dave delivers a superb turn as Greg, the young man caught up in the hurricane that is

Wiseau, his dreams of making it in the film business masking any concerns he (and his mother) may have about Wiseau's intentions or his lack of transparency.

The pair's arc treads a familiar path – the far more conventional Greg making a fair fist of his move to Los Angeles, while the less-conventional Wiseau struggles, leading to conflict – but the pair's performances infuse the characters, and the film overall, with a sense of tenderness, just two guys doing what they can to achieve success doing what they love.

Franco's profile means that the likes of Seth Rogen, Alison Brie, Zac Efron, Ari Graynor and more all pop up in roles big and small, and they all enrich the film, but this hangs on the central turns of the Franco brothers and they deliver superbly.

The direction is excellent, low-key and intimate but one that lets the story drive proceedings, while the recreations of the scenes of *The Room* are perfect (the credits highlighting just how close Franco has got to the original).

Scott Neustadter and Michael H Weber's script knows to play for laughs, but underpins it

all with a solid foundation of making the laughs feel incidental to the story. As the film slips into the final third, and the fall comes before the pride, there's more emphasis on drama as things don't go to plan, but it all flows naturally and come the conclusion, as a victory is snatched from the jaws of defeat, you can't help but feel pleased for Tommy and Greg.

It says much of this film that the overriding feeling is one of joy – rather than concentrate on the shortcomings of the source material, *The Disaster Artist* revels in the making of it and the enthusiasm of people striving to achieve their dreams no matter what, in what is a truly engaging piece of work.

**VERDICT:** Amusing and uplifting, James Franco's telling of the making of *The Room* is a real success, *The Disaster Artist* compelling and hugely satisfying. The performances are excellent, the tone pitch-perfect, and its lack of mockery makes it hugely endearing, a real triumph of a film. *Highly recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *The Room* (2003); *Sunset Boulevard* (1950).

# A Winter's tail: shocking reasons people why give up a dog revealed

**"HE wasn't a vegetarian" or "didn't like being dressed up".**

These are some of the reasons given to Dogs Trust, which is braced for an influx of unwanted dogs, from owners wishing to give up their pet.

Dogs Trust Bridgend is bracing itself for the post-Christmas influx of unwanted dogs and is asking the public to remember the charity's slogan 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas' after a year of bizarre reasons offered by people giving up their dog.

The Pen-y-Fai-based Rehoming Centre received 18 calls a day from people looking to give up their dogs in the month following Christmas last year.

Reasons over 2017 included:

- I won a free holiday and I couldn't take my dogs with me
- I'm a vegetarian but he always wanted to eat meat
- I got him as a secret Santa present
- She was too friendly and wanted to greet every dog and human we met on a walk
- He was panting too much
- He didn't like it when we played dress up

• She sleeps in her own bed all night; I thought she would want to sleep in my bed.

To bring the message home the charity has created a video called "Why I left you" with a twist which highlights the carefree attitude that some people display towards dog ownership.

The charity's slogan has proved just as meaningful today as it was when first coined nearly 40 years ago as a new survey reveals almost 10 per cent of dog owners in Wales spend less than two weeks researching before buying a



**Dasher does not wish it could be Christmas every day. Last Christmas, he was handed into Dogs Trust.**

dog and 7 per cent confessed to buying a dog simply because it was a cute accessory.

The survey also suggested that one in 15 people admit to buying or receiving a dog as a Christmas gift.

Following 593 calls in the weeks following Christmas last year from people unable to care for their dogs, Dogs Trust Bridgend are preparing themselves as they expect to take in many dogs in the weeks following the festive period.

Angela Wetherall, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, explains: "In the weeks following Christmas last year, we received almost 600 calls from owners wanting to give up their dog."

"That is so sad as dogs deserve to be treated as a member of the family. They aren't disposable commodities; they are a huge commitment and should be for life."

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The crafters have made an upcycled dog bed.

## Ty Hafan's upcycling crafters have special gifts to appeal to Christmas shoppers

**CHILDREN'S** hospice charity Ty Hafan is upcycling items donated to its shops to create a stylish range of homeware, gifts and accessories – just in time for Christmas.

Instead of simply selling on pre-owned items through their charity shops, the charity's retail team has created a new label, Handcrafted by Ty Hafan, which includes Christmas decorations, furniture and accessories, all lovingly crafted, hand-painted and sewn by a team of volunteer 'elves'.

The inspiration for the new label came from project manager Penny Collins, who has worked for the charity for five years.

"I was working in the charity's retail department and noticed we had some donated stock and materials which could not be sold in our shops because of damage or marks," she said.

"As I've always been a keen crafter, I couldn't bear to see all these fabrics and items going to waste. I could also spot all these opportunities to make more money for the charity. So I decided to do something about it."

Penny scoured the charity's warehouse and hundreds of bags of donated items to find the perfect materials and sourced discounted chalk paints and tools from her contacts in the industry.

"By giving them a new lease of life and transforming these discarded treasures into decorative items or pieces of shabby chic furniture, we could open



Penny Collins with vintage bunting.

up a new revenue stream for the charity," she said.

"For example, I found some original Liberty fabric at our warehouse which was slightly marked and could not be re-sold. Using a bit of creativity and a needle and thread, we have now turned this into luxury vintage bunting, which could retail on the high street for around £20 each."

The new upcycled range, which has been branded 'Handcrafted by Ty Hafan', will be available at the charity's Abergavenny Emporium, Cardiff Emporium and Penarth shop from December.

Volunteers, members of staff, corporate supporters and even families supported by the hospice have been

happy to get involved to help this exciting new project, with so-called 'craftermoons' turning out an impressive collection of creative Christmas decorations, bespoke furniture and stylish accessories.

You can even pick up a present for your pet, such as a quirky 'woofachief' or a comfy dog bed made from woolly jumpers.

"It's a creative way to support the charity, raising money and awareness," said Penny.

"You can pick up unique, high quality items for a fraction of what they'd be sold for on the high street, while raising money so the hospice can continue supporting children with life-limiting conditions and their families across Wales."

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society held the final meeting for 2017 on December 6 at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark.**

The chairman, Andrew Studley, introduced and thanked Mr and Mrs Richard Anthony who have made a site available at their Sealand Farm, Wick for the 2018 Ploughing Match.

The match will take place in September 2018 and the exact date will be confirmed early in the new year. It is hoped that the event in September will also stage steam engine ploughing and horse ploughing.

The chairman reported a very successful year for the society, starting with the hedge-cutting event in February, followed by the ploughing match in March – the first time the society has held a ploughing match so early in the year.

The reason for the change of date was to facilitate the All Wales Ploughing Championships held at Boverton on the usual September dates.

In April the society staged a tractor run in support of the Ed Evans Foundation. The chairman thanked all the sponsors for their support over the past years, noting that every year the numbers grow – which bodes well for the future of the society.

The secretary, Sarah Radcliffe, reminded members that membership fees were now due: £10 per year or £40 for five years' membership.

The secretary hoped that in the future more members of the society would volunteer their services on the match days, as there had been a lack of support and help in some sections. The secretary was asked to find out details and costs of the society purchasing its own tent for future events.



From left: Basil George and Andrew Studley with the committee.

The treasurer, Rhys Morgan, gave his report on the accounts and stated that the society was in a sound state, reminding members that it was important to have a sound balance in the bank to cover any shortfall that may occur due to a wet match day.

He also pointed out that the society must be mindful of the support which comes from the public at the gates on the match days.

It was suggested that entry forms for events such as hedge-cutting and ploughing matches should all be submitted seven clear days prior to each event, and no entries should be taken on the event day. This would enable the organisation of all events to run more smoothly. These details would be printed on the entry forms.

The items to be discussed at the society's next meeting would be: purchase of a tent; purchase of flags; membership badges; prizes; and the number of classes in the ploughing match.

For information about the society and its planned events, contact either the chairman on 07980 921990 or the secretary on 07976 950680.

Basil George

## Vale sends 21,000 shoe boxes for children



Just some of the 21,000 shoe boxes filled by people in the Vale.

**LOCAL** volunteers have been hard at work in recent weeks to prepare shoe boxes to be sent on journeys across the world as part of Operation Christmas Child.

The Samaritan's Purse Project sends shoe boxes full of gifts to children in some of the world's poorest nations, in order that they will have a present to open at Christmas.

Across the Vale, schools, churches and community groups have been putting together shoe boxes full of gifts to donate to Operation Christmas Child, which have then been sorted in a local depot kindly provided by Edwards Coaches.

This year, the local group collected 21,000 shoe boxes which were sent to children in Albania, Belarus and Romania.

Local Operation Christmas Child co-ordinator Tony McCarthy said: "It is always truly humbling to see how many volunteers in this area contribute to this project every year, whether it's donating a shoebox full of presents, or lending a hand in the warehouse to sort and prepare the boxes for their voyage."

"At this time of year it can be easy to forget that there are children in the world who live with few to no amenities and could never imagine receiving

gifts for Christmas.

"Seeing the joy on their face as they receive their box is the most moving, heart-warming sight that I have ever experienced and I thank everyone who has given their time to help Operation Christmas Child 2017."

Vale MP Alun Cairns visited Mr McCarthy and the other volunteers at the local sorting depot to lend a hand with sorting boxes to be sent to Romania.

He said: "Every year so many volunteers in and around the Vale dedicate their time to ensuring that a child thousands of miles away has a gift to open at

Christmas.

"The sheer volume of boxes that have been donated is testament to just how generous our local community is. Hundreds of thousands of children in some of the world's poorest countries will be given a brilliant reason to smile this Christmas and that is completely down to those who have donated gifts and volunteered to sort them. Well done to all!"

For more information on how you can contribute to Operation Christmas Child, visit [www.samaritan's-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritan's-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

## TB, or not TB, that is the question for Welsh farmers

**THE Farmers' Union of Wales has welcomed the announcement by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, that TB eradication targets for Wales as a whole and interim targets for each TB region have now been established.**

If achieved, these targets would see Wales become officially TB-free between 2036 and 2041.

Dr Hazel Wright,

FUW senior policy officer said: "Other countries, such as New Zealand, Ireland and England have established bovine TB eradication programmes which set target dates for being TB free and the FUW has consistently highlighted this over the past year."

"Having a target date for Wales to be officially TB free provides clarity on the process and focuses the eradication programme. More importantly, it provides accountability and allows the industry to evaluate whether the strategy is working."

Anne Birkett

## BRECON CARREG CARDIFF BAY RUN RETURNS FOR 2018

**THE Brecon Carreg Cardiff Bay Run will return in 2018 to give thousands of runners a unique challenge at Wales' fastest growing 10K race.**

Around 6,000 runners will take on an unchanged course around the Welsh capital's historic Bay on March 25, 2018.

Brecon Carreg have come on board as title sponsor to support a second event in the new Run 4 Wales 10K Series alongside the recently revealed Brecon Carreg Barry Island 10K and ABP Newport Wales 10K.

Run 4 Wales chief executive Matt Newman said: "The Brecon Carreg Cardiff Bay Run has

become one of the most popular events on the Run 4 Wales calendar, offering runners a perfect opportunity to take on their first 10K or set a new personal best on an iconic course around the Bay."

The route takes in all of Cardiff Bay's famous landmarks, starting and finishing in Roald Dahl Plass and passing the Wales Millennium Centre, Mermaid Quay, the Pierhead Building, Senedd, Porth Teigr and the Cardiff Bay Barrage.

Official lead charity Cystic Fibrosis Trust will again offer the chance to take on 10K for a great cause. To join Team CF and help beat cystic fibrosis for good, head over to [www.cardiffbayrun.co.uk/#section](http://www.cardiffbayrun.co.uk/#section)

-charities.

Cystic Fibrosis senior events development manager Holly Matthews commented: "We are investing in cutting edge research, supporting clinical care, and campaigning tirelessly on the issues that matter, but we need your help."

"Cystic Fibrosis Trust are proud to be the lead charity partner of the Cardiff Bay Run again in 2018 and invite you to join them on the day to run with Team CF. Running with Team CF will help us make a difference for thousands of people with cystic fibrosis in the UK, and their families and carers."

Entries are now open. Find out more at [www.cardiffbayrun.co.uk](http://www.cardiffbayrun.co.uk)

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**HEB-HEB-HUZZAH!** The group AT a Christmas party and a visit by Santa. Instead of giving the children presents, gifts were donated to Ty Hafan. Image by 'A Year in Barry'/Kevin Moore Photography.

## HEB donates Christmas gifts to Ty Hafan

**HOME Education Barry (HEB) celebrated the end of its first year with a Christmas party and a visit by Santa.**

A spokeswoman explained: "HEB members are all home educators in and around the Barry area who meet every Monday from 11am to 3pm at Colcot Community Centre.

"We offer support and friendship to those thinking about home education and to those involved in home education.

"We celebrated the end of our first year (we started in June 2017) with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa. "Instead of Santa giving the children

gifts we gave 'Your Santa' gifts for the children at Ty Hafan.

"We raised £156 with our Christmas raffle and would like to thank all those that donated raffle prizes, including Quasar Barry, Coconuts, Tan y Hyde, Coffee Bay No.5, Supa Jump, Planet Gymnastics, Kelly Wick, Jo's Beauty, Libbits, KidiPics.com and everyone that helped.

"All proceeds help pay towards the hire of the hall and learning resources for our group.

"If you are thinking about 'home ed' and would like any help or support come and say hello or email us at he.barry@yahoo.com."

## NRW insists it has the expertise to examine plant at Barry docks

**NATURAL Resources Wales has strongly refuted the suggestion it does not have the expertise to monitor the Biomass UK No 2 Ltd site at Barry docks.**

The Welsh Government-sponsored body – its responsibilities include acting as a regulator to protect the environment – had come under fire from Plaid Cymru councillors in the Vale.

Following NRW's announcement that it was minded to grant an environmental permit to Biomass UK No 2 Ltd, the chairman of the environmental and economic scrutiny committee, Cllr Vincent Bailey, invited the organisation to attend a meeting.

Plaid councillors Millie Collins and Steffan Wiliam took the opportunity to put questions to the NRW representative.

Cllr Collins sought assurances from NRW over monitoring and safety and Cllr Wiliam, who was unhappy with the response, said: "It's obvious from your answers that NRW has neither the expertise nor the capacity to monitor

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even the recent blaze in Llandow, let alone the issue of dredging and dumping in the Bristol Channel, and certainly not this incinerator."

While questioning NRW's representative, Cllr Wiliam highlighted what he believes is a potential conflict of interest, saying: "NRW sells biomass. Therefore, this incinerator is a potential new customer of NRW who therefore have a financial interest in approving this.

"When such serious doubts are cast upon your ability to monitor, as well as your potential financial interest, it's clear that NRW is unfit to decide on the granting of the licence."

Following the meeting, Cllr Wiliam reiterated his doubts relating to NRW's ability to monitor the plant.

He said it was Cllr Nic Hodges who raised the issue of the use of draining tanks as a safety measure, and not NRW.

He said: "This begs the question, what else have they missed?"

But Nadia De Longhi, the operations manager for Natural Resources Wales, insisted NRW was examining all the relevant material and had the expertise required to monitor the site.

She explained: "All our decisions on permit applications are made after analysing all relevant facts, evidence and data.

"At this stage, there is no evidence that the plant cannot operate to legal and environmental standards. The purpose of this latest consultation is to give people an opportunity to provide any evidence we have not seen or considered so far.

"There is no conflict of interest as the plant is not going to burn biomass but chipped waste wood from household and industrial sources, like doors and fence panels.

"Regarding the tank, it is not a significant change to the overall proposal and it has no impact on the overall dispersion of any emissions.

"We strongly disagree that NRW doesn't have the expertise or capacity to monitor the site effectively."

## Council 'looks at parking strategy'

**THE Vale Council is working with independent technical consultants on developing a new parking strategy for the county.**

The strategy will set out principles for addressing a number of issues including provision of residents only and other controlled parking, parking enforcement, the management and security of the Council's car parks, coach parking at resorts, and the potential for generating revenue to help fund the Vale's transport infrastructure through parking charges.

Miles Punter, Director of Environment, said: "Some of our residents' most common concerns relate to parking issues.

"With ever increasing car numbers we must find the most efficient use of

space we can and this will only be possible through a coherent and strategic approach.

"Given the Council's current budgetary position, generating revenue that can help support our transport and highways services will obviously be part of the discussion.

"We will be looking closely at the approach of other local authorities and in particular at successful examples of managing town centre parking."

Consultation with key stakeholders, including local traders, will begin early in the New Year and it is anticipated that a report setting out the principles for a new parking strategy will be presented to the Council's cabinet in spring 2018.

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## Strictly Cymru dance tourney provides unique opportunity



**LEONARD Cheshire Disability is inviting disabled dancers to take part in a dance competition 'Strictly Cymru'.**

This project will provide a unique opportunity for disabled people to dance, perform and compete in the first ever national inclusive dance project of its kind.

Strictly Cymru is open to keen disabled dancers, between 16 and 65 years old.

The competition started in the first of five regional heats this weekend, with the grand final taking place in Cardiff on April 7.

The first regional heat was held in Barry where competitors battled it out for a place in the grand final. In attendance was Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns, who met the participants and learned more about the project.

Mr Cairns Rob commented that "I was he "had a great time,

hugely impressed by the skills being learnt and demonstrated here in the regional heat stages. Strictly Cymru taught the dancers confidence, fitness and motivation, all of which are essential elements of a healthy lifestyle and are vital to an individual's well being.

"It was a pleasure to witness how much the dancers were enjoying the competition on Saturday and I wish the best of luck to all who are going forward to the final."

Many participants will come from Leonard Cheshire Disability's Welsh care homes or inclusive volunteering programme Can Do, as well as participants from local dance groups.

The regional heat winners were Rob Pugh, 48, from Danybryn Cheshire Home and Chloe and Reece, students from Motion Control Dance Barry.

Chloe said that she was "thrilled to be part of the Strictly Cymru event, it's really good exercise," while Reece said that "the dance was really fun to do."

Leonard Cheshire Disability are working in partnership with inclusive dance company Stepchange Studios to deliver Strictly Cymru. Stepchange Studios will provide dance instructors and a professional dance performance at each of the regional heats.

Rashmi Becker, founder and director of Stepchange Studios said: "One in five people in Wales has a disability. I set up Step Change Studios as a response to the lack of opportunities for disabled people to participate in dance. A key barrier to participation is the lack of engagement from

organisations that can enable more and better access and inclusion. So I am thrilled to be supporting Leonard Cheshire to present

Emma Mallam, director of Motion Control Dance said: "We were delighted to be involved in this event. We look forward to working with Leonard Cheshire Disability at the grand final in April 2018."

Leonard Cheshire research shows as much appetite for sport and exercise among disabled people as there is in the wider population, but there are barriers to participation. Strictly Cymru is one of many projects Leonard Cheshire is running to get more disabled people into sport.

For more information, visit [www.leonardcheshire.org](http://www.leonardcheshire.org).

Melanie Owen

## Timely advice on 'festive gas leaks'

**WALES & West Utilities is reminding people across the local area of the steps to take if they smell gas during the festive season.**

If you smell gas or are worried about gas safety, you can call 0800 111 999 at any time, day or night, 365 days a year. The call is free.

Just pick up the phone, dial the number and you will be put through to a trained operator who will take all the details and send an emergency engineer to help you.

All calls to the National Gas Emergency Service are recorded, and may be monitored.

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May I wish your readers a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Clive Book, Head of Emergency Service, Wales & West Utilities

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## Councillor queries application for waste wood storage

**THE Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) has flagged up a recent planning application for a 'waste wood storage site' in Barry.**

The location is land at 'Berth 31 on Wimborne Road' at the docks and the proposal is for 'Use of the application site for the storage of pre-processed waste wood in connection with the neighbouring biomass energy plant...'

It would act as a feeder site for Biomass UK No 2 Ltd.

One person who is employed at the docks told The GEM local people would want to



Cllr Vincent Bailey.

know what safety measures would be required to store wood there and what sort of traffic it would entail.

Dyfan councillor, Vincent Bailey, praised DIAG's work in raising people's awareness.

He said: "Once again the applicants seem to be running off ahead of a licence being granted, and it is little wonder people think this is a done deal."

"I have called in a number of planning applications related to the incinerator, which will be discussed at planning committee shortly."

"But this one, in particular, raises serious questions which need to be answered."

He added: "I have to give high praise indeed to DIAG for their efforts and we mustn't leave any stone unturned in the battle to stop this monstrosity."

Biomass UK No 2 Ltd says the operation of the facility would not be hazardous to the health of people and the plant would be strictly monitored under the terms of a licence.

## Estate agent gets behind 'help the homeless' campaign



**THROUGH December and January last year, Peter Alan Estate Agents accepted donations of warm clothing, sleeping bags and shoes, in order to help the homeless over Winter.**

As part of the initiative alongside Bigmoose - a not-for-profit organisation which aims to 'inspire people to live better lives' - the donations were distributed to those living on the streets across

south Wales.

A spokesperson said: "We want to send a massive thank you to all of our customers who donated to the campaign. We had a grand total of 1,105 bags donated to the cause."

Following this partnership, this winter they are working with Bigmoose again and running Don't Forget Your Toothbrush - collecting toiletries for the homeless.

Collection points are in each of their 30 branches across south Wales.

Examples of the type of things the charities are looking for are: shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary products, deodorant, new socks and underwear, soap, hand sanitiser, razors, wet wipes, packs of tissues and lip salve.

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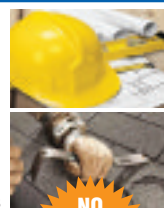
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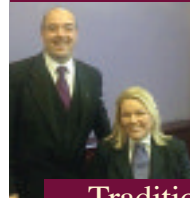
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No black, please wear navy in honour of the Alvis. Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Llanblethian Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday, December 19 at 10.30am and afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, donations welcomed to the RNLI c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only).

**CONWAY****Janet**

Peacefully on 2nd December at Llandough Hospital, Janet sadly passed away.

Devoted wife to Robert, much loved mum of Robert, Matthew, Deborah and Julie. A cherished nan and great nan to her six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

*She will be so greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.*

Janet is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 15th December at 11.30am. Family floral tributes only - donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hapus in memory of Janet. Special thanks to all at Ward East 8 of Llandough Hospital and Waterfront Medical Centre, Barry for their care and support shown to Janet. Further enquiries to Lyndsay J Ellis 01446 407962.

**SHERATT****Doreen Margery Jean (Dot)**

Suddenly but peacefully on 2 December at Holme Tower Penarth, Doreen Margery Jean (Dot), aged 80 years, of Cwm Parc Barry. Previously of Llantwit Major.

A loved mother of Tony, Peter, Mike and Helen. Loving mother-in-law, cherished nan and great nan. Dear sister of Betty, Audrey, Alan and the late Ron and Olive.

*Dot will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service in the chapel on Friday, 15 December at 3pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

**ADEY****Janet Elizabeth (née Evans)**

Sadly passed away on 4th December after a long illness at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Janet of Coychurch.

Deeply beloved wife of Bevis, much loved mum of Gwen and George, loving gran to Alice and Eleanor, cherished daughter of Beryl and the late Dewi and a dear sister to Catherine.

*Janet will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.*

Funeral Monday, 18th December, service at St. Crallo's Church at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Cancer Research UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

**WILLIAMS****Islwyn Lewis**

Peacefully on 9th December at Bella Vista Nursing Home, Barry, Islwyn, devoted husband of Jean, loving step dad to Graham and Allun. Cherished grandad of Heidi and Emma. Much loved brother of Megan.

*Islwyn will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.*

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Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis. Tel 01446 407962.

**TAYLOR****Lilian Lorraine Harriet**

Passed away peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 5th December 2017, 'Lilla' of Elis Fisher Court, Barry. Dearly loved mother of Alan, Patricia (late), Lorraine and Paul. Cherished grandmother and great-grandmother.

*She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.*

Memorial Service to be held at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry on Wednesday, 20th December at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

**DUNN****Caroline Elizabeth 'Carol'**

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**SHEPPARD****Lilian June**

Peacefully on 6th December at Llandough Hospital, Lilian, aged 83 years. Beloved wife of the late Bill, dearly loved mum of Carl and Allyson. Loving grandmother of Jade, Carys, Luke and Jamie, great grandmother of Amber, Aaliyah, Riley, Lochlan and Peyton.

*She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 19th December at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Dogs Trust c/o the funeral director.

## Acknowledgements

**MURPHY****Jack Walter**

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The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the District Nurses, Marie Curie Nurses, Dinas Powys Medical Centre, friends and family during these difficult last few months.

**HAYNES****Ruth**

The family of the late Ruth Haynes extend grateful thanks to the wonderful ladies of Hallowsare who nursed her so devotedly during these past months.

Thanks also to the District Nurses, especially Natalie and Sarah, for their unflinching help and support. Thank you to Dr. Hardwick of Court Road Surgery for his care of all the family and thanks also to the Vale Social Services for their support.

**SULLIVAN****Jeremy**

Marian and Dave would like to thank all their family and friends for their cards, flowers and support on the sudden loss of Jerry.

Many thanks to all who attended the service and special thanks to Jeff and Rhys of Precision Construction for their tributes to Jerry and also Lorraine Barrett, Lyndsay Ellis and Ben for their care and compassion at this sad time.

**ROSSER****David John**

Kirsty would like to thank family and friends who attended David's funeral and for their invaluable support, cards and messages of sympathy during her recent sad bereavement.

Many thanks also for the kind donations to The Samaritans in memory of David. A heartfelt thank you also to the Revd Stephen Adams for his kind words of comfort.

*David will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

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*Sleigh bells in the distance and mistletoe on the tree, happy people holding hands but you're not here with me.*

*Merry Christmas darling and a very happy new year, I'm thinking of you sweetheart I only wish that you were here.*

Love you forever, Jim xxx

## Birthdays

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17th December

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xxxx

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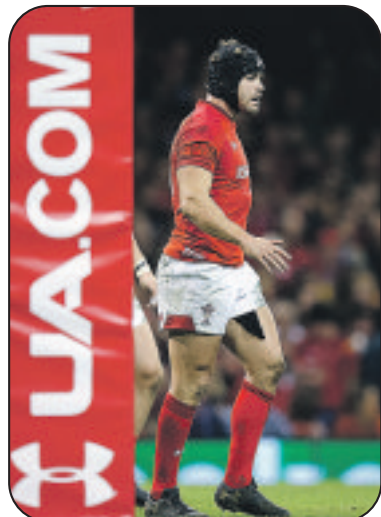
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On November 21, Turkey Trot 4 nine-hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 21 pts, 2nd Maxine Hird 20 pts, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 19 pts on back three from Sian Smith 19 pts.

On November 28, Turkey Trot 5 nine-hole medal: 1st Lisa Ryley 45 gross - 7.5 = 37.5 nett, 2nd Audrey Harwood 50 - 12 = 38, 3rd Sian Smith 49 - 10 = 39 on back six from Maxine Hird.

On December 5, Turkey Trot 6 nine-hole Stableford and Mulled Wine: 1st Sian Smith 20 pts, 2nd Chris Nelms 18 pts, on back six from 3rd Samantha Saunders 18 pts.

Visitors: 1st S. Beynon 21 pts on back six from 2nd P John 21 pts, 3rd D Watkins 18 pts; nearest the pin: Hilary Mears.

On December 12, nine-hole Texas Scramble: 1st Ann Mahenthiralingam, Sally Livsey-Davies, Samantha Saunders 39 gross - 6.33 = 32.67, 2nd Angela Brown, Dot Amery, Audrey Harwood 42-6.16=35.84, 3rd Ruth Yates, Lisa Ryley, Sue Bridle 43 - 4.75 = 38.25

Nine-hole eclectic, October 17 to December 11: 1st Sian Smith 30 nett, 2nd Maxine Hird 33 nett, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 34 nett.



# A busy, busy year for Barry Beavers

**AS the year 2017 is nearing the end, Barry Beavers swimming club reflect on another busy year.**

There have been highs and lows during the year, but more highs.

**January** – To begin the year Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club received a toy donation from the recent Round Table's Santa's Sleigh Appeal, which the club appreciated as the toys would be used for our club's sessions each week.

**February** – Barry Beavers had their first Halliwick Workshop course at Barry Leisure Centre. The workshop focused on the 10 point plan and the principles of the Halliwick method. There was a good turnout including those from other swimming clubs who use the Halliwick Method.

**March** – In March the club received a donation of £2,500 from Asda which contributed £1,000; and the Communities Chest Fund, which contributed the other £1,500, to help pay for two new hoist chairs for the club sessions and home galas. This was greatly appreciated by the club and all those who benefit.

**April** – The club received a cheque of £750 from Persimmon Homes Communities campaign which the club greatly appreciated, to help with running costs.

On April 16, Nicholas Cusken took on this year's Swimathon at

Cardiff International Pool for Marie Curie supported by Rita Limbrick from Cadoxton Youth Project.

He swam the 5km swim and beat last year's swimathon time of 2h 19m 58s to 2h 7m 52s which had knocked 12 minutes off the previous time.

On April 22, the team travelled to the Towy Salmon Gala – the first away gala of 2017. The team competed very well on the day and came home with 14 medals on the day which consisted of four golds, six silvers and four bronzes.

Also on the day there was a helper's relay in which Chris and Nicholas participated, but it didn't quite go to plan for Nicholas – because the inflatable whale came away from his strap which had not been done up correctly. He swam an extra two lengths with it attached properly, making an impressive tumble turn on the return length.

Pat Finch was proud of the team on the day, as they finished second behind Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club.

**May** – On May 20 the swimming team travelled to their second away gala at Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre for the Blaenau Gwent Otters Swimming Gala.

The team competed well on the day and there were a lot of close finishes in each event. The team, especially the youngsters, brought home 13 medals – four golds, four silvers and five bronzes. One of our

long time competitors actually won her first ever medals since she has been competing with the club (Suzanne Haslam).

Also the club finished in second place again including the team's league swim team which got first place. Well done team!

**June** – The club travelled to an away gala at Cwmbran for the Gwent Dolphins Gala on June 10. There was a 26-strong team which came home with five golds, seven silvers and two bronzes.

On June 24 Nicholas took on this year's Bantion Swoosh 6km open water swim for his first time, having to wear a wetsuit at the event.

He had to swim the River Aveton down to the Swoosh in Bantion. He managed it in one hour 50m. After the event he gave a cheque of £50 to the club, which he had been meaning to do for a few years, as a thank you for nominating him to carry the torch back in 2012.

**July** – July saw the unveiling of the swimming club's commemorative book named 'Splish Splash', which documents the complete history of the club which has been running for over 35 years.

During the unveiling, special guests were invited, along with all current and past members of the club to receive their own copies of the book. Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM were guests.

The book took months to create and was produced by Pat, Chris and Cath, and dedicated to Pat Finch and Angela, long term members of the club.

**August** – August began with our club's PIP 2 at Porthkerry Country Park on August 6, starting with the Red Arrow display fly past the park towards Barry Island – a spectacular

display. Once the display ended the PIP 2 was able to start officially and club members, friends, family, special guests and members from Blaenau Gwent Otters attended on the day and joined in the fun activities and competitions.

During the event there was a song and act contest in which there were six – seven acts. There was then the PIP 2 Olympics.

Later on in August, the club went on their annual outing to West Midlands Safari Park and took two coaches full of club members, friends, and family. Everyone enjoyed the trip and day out.

The next day the club had a free hour of swimming organised by Simon Jones from the Vale Council Sport Department.

Also three beavers went to Sheffield for the Special Olympics – Gareth Lloyd in gymnastics, Heather Williams in boccia and Mark Eveleigh in golf. All did well and came home with medals, and the whole club congratulates them.

**September** – The club resumed after the summer break and it was back to being timed for the regional/national gala.

On September 16, 24 members travelled to Ebbw Vale for the regional/national gala in which the team excelled, winning 15 medals and also, for the first time in many years, they pushed Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Team down to second place, making our team champions of 2017.

Also, there was a good swim with the league swim team that was Tyler, Nicholas, Gareth and Mark.

The next day one of the younger members of the team (Layla) took part in 10km walk at Cardiff Bay over the

barrage for The Noahs Ark Children's Hospital charity, which helped her with her recovery from stroke a few years ago.

She has achieved a lot this year and competed very well with the swimming, winning medals along the way too. Well done Layla: you should be very proud of yourself, as the club and your parents are of you.

**October** – On October 14 the team of 24 Beavers travelled to their final gala of 2017 at Rhondda for the Rhondda Polar Bears swimming gala.

This time we had a return of Sophie Woodham in the team, as she hadn't been able to compete with the team for some time and she swam really well on the day. On the day the club competed against four other teams and competed really well.

Along with the main gala there were the finals for the league swim event in which the team was just pipped to second place behind the Blaenau Gwent Otters and won silver, though the medals weren't presented until the club Christmas party in December.

The swim team came home with 13 medals, six golds, three silvers and four bronzes and also were crowned overall champions of 2017. Pat Finch, the club's swimming gala's coach, would like to congratulate the whole swimming club team for their amazing achievement this year and being able to take the top spot from Rhondda Polar Bears, knocking them down to second place. She is very proud of all of us!

Also in October, Gareth Lloyd had another gymnastic competition away in Poole and came home with three golds. The club congratulates him for his achievement.

Finally, both Gareth



and Mark went to Special Olympics West Midlands Golf Tournament in Bromsgrove. They had a lot of competition from other participants and ended up with Mark getting fourth place and Gareth fifth in the nine hole division two competition.

**November** – The club went bag packing at Asda in Barry on the 19th. They'd helped shoppers and the shoppers filled the collection buckets. There was over £500 collected on the day.

On November 26, the club held their last Halliwick Workshop at Barry Leisure Centre. There was a good turnout that included members from Gwent Dolphins and Glantawe Gulls as well as other members from Barry Beavers Swimming Club on the day.

We did the theory in the squash court and then practical in the pool.

On November 25, the club was presented with an cheque of £1,014.32

from the Co-op, as they had selected us as one of the charities to do their coin collections this year. Pat and Chris attended the Co-op to receive the cheque from Joanne Beekingham from Barry store.

On November 28, the club received a young helpers award certificate from Parents Federation.

**December** – Barry Beavers Swimming Club were invited to the Cadoxton Youth Project's Christmas event, at Victoria Community Centre, where they were given a cheque of £300 which has been raised

throughout the year.

There was a visit from Santa for the youngsters and a fancy dress competition as well as a colouring competition. After this, everyone was given a Christmas meal and a free food bag.

The week after it was the club's Christmas party at Sully Bowls Club.

Lastly, the club would like to wish all the club members, supporters, families and so on a happy Christmas and a happy New Year. The club would like to think they can follow this year's successes into 2018.

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## Important win for Barry chess team

**DUE to a fixture rearrangement there was only the one league match this week.**

However it was an important match between the Barry Camelots and the Cardiff Crowns.

After eight rounds of play these two teams were separated by only a half a point.

The advantage was held by the Cardiff team, while the Camelots were in the final relegation spot, but only just.

The Camelots were able to field a strong team. Sam Jukes, John Stephenson and John Ryles all recorded victories ably supported by Tom Cooke and Stephen Bonutto with draws to record a big win, pushing the Cardiff team into the relegation spot.

Remarkably, having spent all of the season looking over our shoulders to avoid relegation, at the halfway point we are marginally closer to the promotion battle than the relegation battle.

Sam Jukes has played in the Bristol Open Congress. He lost to three English-based players but against Welsh-based players he earned a draw against Andrew Di-Vetta and ended with a win over John Waterfield. Sam has now played 62 rated games since July 1.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yol.asite.com>.

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## Vale of Glamorgan Pool League news

**THE Witchill Wildcats are now favourites to win the Asprou Barbers Vale Pool League after beating last year's champions Billy United 7-5.**

The first singles session saw the Wildcats take a 3-1 lead with wins from Chris Bardsley, Ceri Morris and Paul Everest, with Gary Roberts winning the Billy United's first singles point.

The first doubles were shared with Martin Pring and Gary Roberts beating Bardsley and Watkins. Then Wildcats' James Hill and Morris beat Ian Roberts and John Farrugia.

The second set of singles is where the match really came a light. With some fantastic pool played by all the players, the Billy's Ian Roberts snatched defeat from the jaws of victory against Chris Bardsley.

John Farrugia took revenge over Paul Everest after his earlier defeat. James Hill broke and cleared edup all in one visit, a faultless display of potting.

The best and longest frame was Martin Pring getting the better of

Ceri Morris in a tight frame, with Martin keeping his nerve to keep the Billy in the game.

Victory was sealed minutes later with Morris and Watkins beating Gary Roberts and Pring. All in all, a great advert for Thursday night pool in the Vale.

The Libs Rejects had a very hard fought win, 7-5, over at the Finnegan's bar in Barry Island.

Sharing the opening four singles, the Libs forged ahead by taking the first two doubles before Finnegan's stormed back by taking three out of the next four singles.

However the Libs sealed victory by taking the remaining two doubles. Man of the match for the Libs was Mike Roberts winning all four of his matches, and he was ably supported by James Bastow.

Finnegan's star player was Harry Asprou, winning both his singles, and Joel Ball beat Libs captain Alex Campbell.

O'Briens hosted the Baruc Arms and took an early 3-0 lead and looked to be cruising to victory.

The Baruc Arms dug deep and remarkably won the next six frames with Calum Petty and

Gavin Stevens shining. O'Briens' John Wolfenden, in the last singles, and Croke and Morgan in the doubles, got two points back, before new boys James Latham and Connor Adams sealed a 7-5 victory for the Baruc Arms.

A huge thank you to the Glenbrook Wanderers for an enjoyable evening at the castle. The entire Dark Lords team played well on the night and came away with an 11-1 victory.

Man of the match went to Brian Harris after a great clearance in his singles. Karl Marsh won the Wanderers' only point in beating Dark Lords captain Sean Kelly.

The league are still looking for players of all capabilities to play and join our Thursday league. The Glenbrook are looking for two new players to join their new team.

If you are interested, please text Joe on 07870 498738 or phone Anthony on 07568 444180.

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## The Barry and District League tables and results

**THE latest results from the Barry and District League are as follows:**

**Crib Division 1:** Cadoxton Cons 8, West End 7; Liberal 6, Rhooose Social 9, West End Runaways 7, Moors Boys 8.

**League table:** West End Runaways 88, Liberals 85, Cadoxton Cons 78, Wyndham Cons 76, Moors Boys 74, Rhooose Social 74, West End 65.

**Skittles Division 1:** Slammers 6, Rhooose Social B1; Sea View B 6, Rhooose Social A1; Allsorts 2, Rhooosters 5; Barry Town FC 2, Liberals A 5; Rhooose Social C 6, Rugby Club 1; West End D 5, Barries Boys 2; Liberals C 5½, King William XII 1½; West End C 7, Cambrian Flyers 0.

**League Table:** Rugby Club 51.5, West End 48.5, West End C 47.5, Rhooosters 45.0, Sea View B 42.0, Slammers 42.0, King William XII 41.0, Rhooose Social C 38.0, Rhooose Social B 38.0, Allsorts 36.0, Rhooose Social A 34.0, Barry Town FC 32.0, Liberals

A 32.0, Liberals C 28.5, Cambrian Flyers 23.0, \*Barries Boys 16.0.

**Snooker Division 1:** Cadoxton Cons Z 3, Cadoxton Cons B 2; Wyndham Cons A 4, Penarth Cons A 1; Savoy A 4, Rhooose Social B 1; Harbour B 5, Savoy B 0.

**League Table:** Harbour B 49, Savoy A 41, Cadoxton Cons B 33, Cadoxton Cons Z 32, Wyndham Cons A 32, West End C 28, Services Social B 22, Savoy B 20, Rhooose Social B 19, Librators 17, Penarth Cons A 17.

**Snooker Division 2:** Cadoxton Misfits 4, West End A 1; Wyndham Cons D 3, Sully Sports A 2; West End B 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Market Street C 2.

**League Table:** Cadoxton Misfits 40, Rhooose Social C 34, Market Street B 33, Penarth Cons B 32, Cadoxton Cons A 29, Market Street C 29, Harbour A 27, Wyndham Cons D 27, West End 24, West End B 23, Sully Sports A 22, Castle A 0.

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 14 14 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Zetec 5dr, 17" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, metallic blue.....£10495  
 14 64 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium X 5dr AWD auto, pan roof, 19" alloys, heated seats, 13k, deep impact blue, full leather.....£16495  
 15 15 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium X Sport AWD 5dr Powershift, Ford warranty July 2018, pan roof, 19" alloys, 28k, black, full leather.....£16995  
 15 65 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr (Appearance Pack) Ford warranty Oct 2018, cruise, 23k, black, half leather.....£13995  
 17 17 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty April 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 8k, white.....£17995  
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**14 64 HYUNDAI IX35 1.7 CRDI Premium 5dr**, Hyundai warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, black, full leather. £10495

**14 64 HYUNDAI IX35 1.7 CRDI Go 5dr**, pan roof, cruise, 18" alloys, heated seats, 26k, white with half-leather. £11495

**13 13 HYUNDAI IX35 2.0 CRDI Premium 5dr** 4WD 5dr, Hyundai warranty March 2018, sat nav, sunroof, cruise, silver, half leather. £10995

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**17 17 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI 2 Estate** ISG, Kia warranty April 2024, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 492 miles, black. £17495

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**11 61 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD KX-2 AWD 5dr** automatic, pan roof, cruise, Bluetooth, black with half-leather. £10995

**14 14 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD KX-4 AWD 5dr** automatic, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, black with full leather. £14495

**14 14 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-3 AWD 5dr**, Kia warranty June 2021, pan roof, sat nav, heated seats, choice, full leather. £11495

**15 65 KIA VENZA 1.6 CRDI 4 ISG 5dr**, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, white, half-leather. £10995

**15 65 MAZDA 3 2.0 SE 5dr**, Mazda warranty Sep 2018, Bluetooth, USB, 11k, crystal blue. £11495

**13 13 MAZDA 6 2.2 SE-L 4dr** auto, 17" alloys, cruise, soul red. £8995

**14 64 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Estate**, sat nav, Bluetooth, PDC front & rear, choice. £8795

**15 65 MAZDA 6 2.2 D Sport Nav 4dr**, Mazda warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, heated seats, 28k, silver, full leather. £13995

**14 64 MAZDA CX-5 2.2 DSE-L Lux Nav 5dr** automatic, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, met blue. £11995

**14 64 MAZDA CX-5 2.2 TD Sport 4WD 5dr** (175bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, Bose, full leather, choice. £12495

**13 13 MERCEDES A180 CDI BlueEfficiency SE 5dr**, sat nav, cruise, 38k, red. £11995

**14 64 MERCEDES A180 CDI Sport 5dr**, cruise, Bluetooth, 35k, choice. £13995

**16 65 MERCEDES A180 D Sport 5dr** & G-DCT automatic, reverse camera, full leather, choice. £14995

**16 65 MERCEDES A180d AMG Line Executive 5dr**, Mercedes warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, met blue, half leather. £17495

**14 14 MERCEDES B180 CDI Sport 5dr** 7G-DCT, 18" alloys, reverse camera, 35k, grey, full leather. £12995

**14 63 MERCEDES B200 CDI SE 5dr**, sat nav, PDC, white. £10995

**15 65 MERCEDES CLA220 CDI Sport Estate** 7G-DCT auto, Mercedes warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, heated seats, 26k, white, half leather. £20995

**15 15 MERCEDES C220 CDI BlueTec AMG Line 4dr** 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty April 2018, sat nav, heated seats, Bluetooth, grey, full leather. £19495

**15 15 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Sport 2dr** coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty Sep 2018, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, silver, half leather. £17495

**15 65 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Line (Premium Plus) Estate** auto, pan roof, sat nav, 19" alloys, 25k, choice, full leather. £23995

**15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTEC AMG Night Edition 7G-Tronic plus** Estate, Mercedes warranty Sep 2018, sat nav, DAB Bluetooth, choice, full leather. £19995

**15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTec AMG Line Cabriolet** 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty October 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, choice, full leather. £17995

**15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTec AMG Line Cabriolet** 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty October 2018, sat nav, 18" alloys, white, full leather. £21995

**14 64 MERCEDES E250 CDI AMG Sport 2dr** 7G-Tronic Plus, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 16k, black, full leather. £20495

**13 63 MERCEDES E300 CDI BlueTec Hybrid AMG Sport Estate** 7G-Tronic Plus, sat nav, parktronic, heated seats, silver with full leather. £16995

**14 64 MERCEDES E350 CDI BlueTEC AMG Sport Cabriolet** 7G-Tronic Plus, 19" black alloys, sat nav, reverse camera, 20k, white, full leather. £23995

**14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line Premium Plus 5dr** 7G-DCT 4Matic, pan roof, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 26k, red. £22995

**15 65 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line 5dr** 4MATIC, pan roof, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 14k, south seas blue, half leather. £24995

**16 16 MERCEDES GLC250d Sport (Premium) 4MATIC 5dr** 9-G, Mercedes warranty June 2019, sat nav, panoramic roof, reverse camera, Bluetooth, black, full cream leather. £30995

**14 64 MERCEDES SLK250 CDI BlueEfficiency 2dr** convertible 7G-Tronic Plus, airscarf-neck level heating, Bluetooth, iridium silver, full leather. £14495

**16 66 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 D COOPER 6dr**, sat nav, chilli pack, 10k, white. £15495

**14 14 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 3dr** Start/Stop, chilli pack, cruise, Bluetooth, in blue with white roof and mirror caps. £8995

**15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 3dr** (TLC & Chili Pack) Mini warranty April 2018, 16" alloys, DAB, 18k, volcanic orange. £11495

**15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr**, chilli + media XL + TLC pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, half-leather, 19k, choice. £10995

**15 65 MINI COOPER 1.5 5dr** auto (Media XL, TLC & Chili Pack) Mini warranty Sep 2018, sat nav, 16" black alloys, 22k, black. £12495

**16 16 MINI COOPER 1.5 5dr** auto (TLC & Chili pack) Mini warranty May 2019, pan roof, 17" alloys, 2k, blue, half leather. £14995

**16 66 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr** (Media XL & Chili pack) Mini warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, black, half leather. £13495

**11 61 MINI COOPER 2.0 D 2dr** convertible automatic (chilli pack) bluetooth, 17" alloys, 35k, white. £8995

**14 64 MINI COOPER 2.0 COOPER S 3dr** (TLC Pack) (192bhp), JCW body kit, Harman Kardon, 17" black alloys, 16k, volcanic orange, half leather. £13995

**15 15 MINI COOPER S 2.0 3dr** (JCW sport pack) Mini warranty March 2018, 18" alloys, heated seats, 13k, black, full leather. £15995

**16 65 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr** (170bhp), chilli pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB, 9k, choice. £12995

**16 66 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 3dr** (170 bhp), chilli pack, Mini warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, DAB, USB, 17" alloys, 8k, black, half leather. £13995

**14 14 MINI ONE 1.6 D 3dr** (Pepper pack) Bluetooth, 31k, blue. £7995

**14 64 MINI ONE 1.6 3dr** (TLC & Pepper Pack) DAB, USB, Bluetooth, 14k, choice. £8995

**14 64 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER D 3dr** (Pepper Pack) sat nav, 17" alloys, 19k, white. £10495

**14 64 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER 3dr** (TLC & Pepper Pack) sat nav, 17" black alloys, mtsw, 22k, black. £11795

**14 63 MITSUBISHI ASX 1.8 TD 4 5dr**, 4WD, panoramic roof, sat nav, cruise, 28k, silver, full leather. £10995

**15 65 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.2 DI-D GX3 5dr** (7-Seater), cruise, pdc, Bluetooth, 9k, black. £17995

**16 16 NISSAN JUKE 1.2 DIG-T Tekna 5dr**, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, Bluetooth, 10k, met grey. £11995

**15 65 NISSAN JUKE 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr**, Nissan warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 13k, red, full leather. £10995

**15 65 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 Acenta Premium 5dr** Xtronic automatic, Nissan warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, met red. £11495

**15 65 NISSAN NOTE 1.2 N-Tec 5dr**, Nissan warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 11k, white. £8995

**14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr**, 19" alloys, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, 23k, choice, full leather. £13495

**14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta Premium 5dr**, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 24k, choice. £11495

**15 65 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr**, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 19" alloys, heated seats, 15k, silver with full leather. £14995

**14 14 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr** X-Tronic auto, sat nav, pan roof, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 18k, in mocha with full leather. £14995

**15 15 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Acenta Premium 5dr** (130BHP), Nissan warranty May 2018, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, met red. £12995

**15 65 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI N-TEC+ 5dr**, Nissan warranty Sep 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, grey. £14995

**16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Acenta 4x4 5dr** (7-seater) Nissan warranty April 2019, pan roof, cruise, 12k, black. £16495

**14 14 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 3dr**, Bluetooth, DAB, USB, 19k, silver. £4995

**14 64 PEUGEOT 108 1.2 VTI Pure Tech Feline 3dr**, DAB, reverse camera, privacy glass, 25k, black, full leather. £6495

**16 66 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 BlueHDI Allure 5dr**, Peugeot warranty Nov 2019, Bluetooth, DAB, alloys, 10k, blue. £8995

**12 62 PEUGEOT RCZ 1.6 THP Sport 2dr** coupe, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 42k, grey. £8495

**15 65 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique S 5dr** auto, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, PDC, white. £10795

**13 63 RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique MediaNav 5dr**, sat nav, 16" alloys, 27k, black. £7495

**14 64 RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCI Energy GT Line Tom Tom 2dr** Coupe, sat nav, Bluetooth, 35k, blue, half leather. £8495

**16 16 SEAT LEON 1.2 TSI SE Sport Coupe 3dr**, Seat warranty Aug 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, USB, 5k, red. £9995

**16 16 SKODA FABIA 1.2 TSI Colour Edition 5dr**, cruise, DAB, Bluetooth, 15k, white with black roof. £9495

**16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L 5dr**, Skoda warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, 7k, choice. £12495

**17 17 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L Estate**, Skoda warranty July 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, only 700 miles, met blue. £16995

**14 64 TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 VVT-I 5dr**, Toyota warranty Dec 2019, USB, PAS, 34k, white. £4995

**14 14 TOYOTA VERSO 1.8 V-Matic Icon M-drive S 5dr** automatic (7-seater) reverse camera, Bluetooth, cruise, silver. £10795

**16 65 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 T SRI 5dr** (150bhp), Vauxhall warranty Feb 2019, 17" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, white. £10495

**17 17 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CDTI Elite 5dr**, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, sat nav, heated seats, 7k, silver, full leather. £12795

**15 15 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 2.0 CDTI SRI 3dr**, cruise, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, 23k, white. £9495

**15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI SE 5dr** automatic, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, full leather, choice. £10795

**13 13 VW CC 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech 4dr** DSG automatic, sat nav, 17" alloys, 20k, black. £11995

**15 65 VW GOLF 1.4 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTE 5dr** DSG, VW warranty Oct 2018, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 20k, silver. £21495

**12 12 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI BlueMotion Tech SE cabriolet**, cruise, pdc, 31k, black. £8995

**13 13 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech 3dr**, sat nav, 18" alloys, 32k, black, full leather. £12495

**15 15 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech 4Motion 5dr**, VW warranty May 2018, sat nav, pdc front & rear, 29k, black. £13995

**14 64 VOLVO S60 2.0 D4 SE 4dr** (181bhp), sat nav, cruise, dab, heated seats, 37k, black. £11995

**16 16 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D5 R-Design 5dr** automatic AWD, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, black, half-leather. £22495



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14 64 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI S-Line 2dr Cabriolet, 19" alloys, sat nav, 13k, white, full leather



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16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Zetec 5dr, Ford warranty October 2019, DAB, Bluetooth, USB, choice



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14 64 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GTD 5dr DSG automatic, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 29k, white, full leather



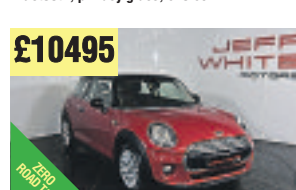
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17 17 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTI SRI VX-Line Nav 5dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, sat nav, 19" alloys, 2k, met blue



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14 64 BMW 116D Sport 5dr, cruise, pdc, Bluetooth, privacy glass, choice



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15 65 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 3dr (TLC & Chili Pack) Mini warranty Dec 2018, Bluetooth, DAB, red



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10 10 BMW 318 2.0 D M Sport 4dr, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, bluewater



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15 65 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr automatic (190 BHP), M sport plus pack, 19" alloys, Harman Kardon, wide screen nav, full leather, 24k, red



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15 65 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech R-Line Edition 4Motion 5dr DSG auto, VW warranty Dec 2018, 18" alloys, PDC, 29k, white, full leather



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14 64 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr (7-seater) sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 19" alloys. Met green, full leather



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16 66 VOLVO V40 2.0 D2 R-Design Pro 5dr, Volvo warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, 8k, white, full leather



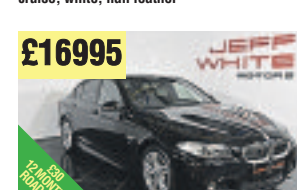
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14 64 MINI ONE 1.6 Convertible (TLC Pack) 16" alloys, aircon, 10k, chilli red



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13 63 MERCEDES A180 CDI Sport 5dr, sat nav, cruise, white, half leather



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2014 Audi A3 1.6 TDI S Line Sportback 5dr FSH NAVI 18"ALLOYS PHONE, 50,000 miles, Silver, HV14LHU ... £12,990



2013 BMW 3 Series 2.0 320d BluePerformance Sport Touring 5dr (start/stop) JUST 1 OWNER : FSH : NAV LTHR, Blue, RJ13WRA ... £11,490



2010 Mercedes-Benz C Class 6.3 C63 AMG 7G-Tronic 4dr 7 X MERCEDES STAMPS FSH NAV, 54,500 miles, Silver, OV10KZT ... £21,990



2013 Audi Q3 2.0 TDI S Line 5dr EXCEPTIONAL NAVIGATION FSH, Black, AE63RVP ... £12,490



2015 BMW 1 Series 1.5 118i M Sport Sports Hatch 5dr (start/stop) 1 OWNER 13,000 NAVIGATION HIFI, White, KV65ZRG ... £15,990



2014 Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi ECONetic Zetec Navigator 5dr 1 OWNER : FSH : £0 TAX : NAVI, White, BF64VRM ... £7,290



2012 Jaguar XF 2.2 TD Sport 4dr 35,000 MLS FSH NAV DAB PHONE, Silver, LM12DZA ... £13,990



2014 Mercedes-Benz A Class 1.5 A180 CDI AMG Sport 5dr NAVIGATION £20 TAX 1 OWNER FSH, 33,000 miles, White, LO63YEF ... £14,790



2015 BMW 5 Series 2.0 520d SE Touring 5dr 1 OWNER : FSH : NAV LTHR DAB, Grey, AU15XKG ... £13,990



2015 Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTI (Performance pack) Hatchback 5dr (start/stop) 24,000 MLS FSH NAV 18" ALLOYS, Red, MD64UJP ... £18,990



2015 Mercedes-Benz CLS 2.1 CLS220 AMG Line Shooting Brake 5dr (start/stop) NAVIGATION LEATHER 1 OWNER, 25,000 miles, Grey, WJ65UJS ... £23,490



2010 BMW 5 Series 2.0 520d SE Touring 5dr FSH 3 X STAMPS : LEATHER : PDC, Blue, NX60EUO ... £9,990



2014 Mercedes-Benz E Class 2.1 E220 CDI AMG Sport 7G-Tronic Plus 5dr FSH NAVIGATION : HARMAN KARDON, Grey, OU64PZB ... £15,490



2013 Skoda Yeti 2.0 TDI CR DPF Adventure Station Wagon 5dr 38,000 MLS FSH NAVIGATION, White, BK63JFO ... £8,690



2015 Citroen DS3 1.2 PureTech DStyle Plus 3dr (start/stop) 1 OWNER FSH £20 TAX BIG SPEC, 57,000 miles, Red, GJ15ZTL ... £6,995



2015 Ford Transit Custom 2.2 TDCi ECONetic 290 L1H2 Panel Van 5dr 1 OWNER 40,000MLS FORD HISTORY, White, BD15ZHA ... £9,990



2012 Nissan Qashqai 1.5 dCi Acenta 2WD 5dr 74,000 MLS : FSH : 61.4 MPG, Black, ND62TZX ... £6,790



2017 Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TDI SE Nav Hatchback DSG 5dr (start/stop) FACE LIFT MODEL 2017, 2,500 miles, Grey, DF17KYC ... £16,990



2011 BMW 3 Series 3.0 325d SE 4dr FULLY LOADED: FSH : NAVIGATION Silver, RE60XHZ ... £7,990



2011 BMW Alpina D3 Bi-Turbo 2.0 4dr 31,000 MLS FSH NAV : 19"ALLOYS, Black, FJ61KXS ... £16,990



2012 Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi Titanium X Powershift 5dr 70,000 MLS FSH DIESEL AUTO, Silver, YS12FBB ... £7,295



2010 Land Rover Defender 90 2.4 TdI XS Station Wagon 3dr ONLY 50,000 MILES : XS MODEL, Black, LT60UBP ... £24,990



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2015 Mercedes-Benz A Class 1.5 A180 CDI Sport Edition 7G-DCT 5dr (E6) 1 OWNER : 24,000 MLS FSH NAV, Grey, FP15GZD .....£14,445



2012 Vauxhall Astra Gtc 1.4 i Turbo 16v Turbo Sport 3dr (start/stop) ONLY 57,000 MLS FSH MEGA VALUE, White, DF61DHN ....£5,490



2015 Audi A3 1.6 TDI S Line Hatchback 3dr BT AUDIO TELEPHONE : 18"ALLOYS, 29,500 miles, Black, MD15EFT .....£14,995

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2007 Land Rover Defender 90 2.2 TD XS Station Wagon DPF 3dr PRIME EXAMPLE FSH 7 STAMPS, 50,000 miles, Blue, BG57YXD .....£22,995



2014 Vauxhall Mokka 1.7 CDTi ecoFLEX 16v Exclusiv FWD 5dr (start/stop) EXCELLENT 1 OWNER 70 MPG, 32,000 miles, Red, CA14HCX .....£8,490



2016 Mercedes-Benz Gla Class 2.1 GLA220 AMG Line 7G-DCT 4MATIC 5dr (start/stop) NIGHT EDITION PERFECT 1 OWNER, 14,000 miles, Silver, EG16MDX .....£23,490



2013 Volkswagen Passat 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech Highline DSG 5dr 1 OWNER : NAVIGATION : AUTO, Brown, MX63KSE .....£7,990



2016 Mercedes-Benz B Class B250e Electric Art Auto 5dr NAVIGATION LEATHER 2019 WARRANTY, 3,000 miles, White, RE16WCO .....£19,990



2014 Peugeot 508 2.0 HDi FAP Allure 4dr (Nav) 1 OWNER NAVIGATION CAMERA FSH, 44,000 miles, Black, EA64DCU .....£9,490



2014 BMW X5 3.0 40d SE xDrive 5dr (start/stop) BANG&OLUFSEN 7 SEATER LEATHER, Black, LG14KKO .....£25,990



2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara 2.0 16v X-EC 5dr SUPER 4X4 WITH SMARTNAVIGATION, Grey, CK09GNO .....£4,690



2013 Land Rover Range Rover Evoque 2.2 SD4 Dynamic Hatchback AWD 5dr BEAUTIFUL 41,700 FLRSH 1 OWNER, Red, LT63HTP .....£23,990



2014 Vauxhall Mokka 1.4 16v Turbo Tech Line 5dr (start/stop) BT AUDIO NAVIGATION 18"ALLOYS, 8,000 miles, Silver, LX64YEG .....£10,790



2013 Mercedes-Benz SLK 2.1 SLK250 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY AMG Sport 7G-Tronic Plus 2dr (start/stop) AIRSCARF : LEATHER : AMG PACK, 48,000 miles, Grey, HF63WVC .....£13,990



2013 Volkswagen Golf 1.4 TSI S Hatchback DSG 5dr (start/stop) £30 TAX LOW INS 65.7 MPG FSH, Silver, FY13ABU .....£7,790



2007 Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TDI GT Sport DSG 5dr 66,000 MILES FSH CAMBELT DONE, Black, NA57NYU .....£4,990



2015 Ford Kuga 2.0 TDCi Titanium Station Wagon 5dr JUST 40,000 MLS 1 OWNER FSH, Blue, FD150JC .....£11,990



2013 BMW X3 3.0 30d M Sport xDrive 5dr FSH : NAVIGATION : DAB : XENON, Grey, YK13DDJ .....£16,790



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## On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams saddled two winners at Exeter last Friday, December 8.**

His five-year-old *Virginia Chick*, who went off the 9-4 favourite, won the opening Conditionals' Novice Handicap Hurdle coming home eight lengths ahead of *Just Spot* and his *De Dollar Man* landed the Handicap Chase by five lengths from *Earth Moves*, trained by fellow Welshman Peter Bowen in Pembrokeshire.

*Virginia Chick* was ridden by Conor Ring and *De Dollar Man*, at six the youngest horse in the race, was partnered by Adam Wedge.

Christian Williams – no relation – from Ogmore by Sea, and who used to be Evan's assistant trainer, saw his four-year-old *Cap Du Nord* win the closing Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park by a length from *Phoenix Dawn*.

*Cap Du Nord* the 9-2 joint-favourite with *Phoenix Dawn* was ridden by Denis O'Regan.

### LORD BRYAN'S CHEPSTOW WIN

*Lord Bryan*, jointly-owned by the Vale's Jayne Brace and her father Gwyn, landed the Rhys Howells Memorial Handicap Chase at Chepstow last Saturday beating *Looks Like Power*, trained by Debra Hamer, who hails from the Vale area but who is based in west Wales, by five lengths.

A 9-2 chance, *Lord Bryan* was ridden by former Welsh champion point-to-point rider James Bowen, aged 16, and is trained by James



The GEM's Brian Lee interviewing James Bowen at Trecoed last season after he had won the men's open race on *Flying Eagle*.



*Lord Bryan* in the winner's enclosure at Chepstow. Jayne Brace (left) and her father David Brace (far right) are owners of the horse.

father Peter Bowen in Haverfordwest. James and his older brother Sean are exceptional jockeys and at Aintree, Sean had won the first two races, landing the opener on Paul Nicholl's *Mont Des Avaloirs* and the next race on his father's *Play The Ace*.

Also at Chepstow, Llanccarfan's Evan Williams won the Grand National. Fans Novice Hurdle with his promising four-year-old *Choose Your Weapon*

which came home three lengths ahead of the Colin Tizzard-trained *Golden Sunrise*. *Choose Your Weapon* was partnered by Adam Wedge and was an odds-on favourite. A MUST FOR POINT-TO-POINT FANS Point-to-point fans in the Vale, and there are plenty of them, will want to avail themselves of John Beasley's *Big Green Annual 2017* which looks back in words and in stunning pictures of the past season.

All the thrills and spills of point-to-point racing can be found in the 192 colour pages of this unique book, which is the 18th in the series.

Cowbridge's Andrew Quick, who has a liking for grey horses, recalling the past season says: "The season was on the good side of okay. The little bit of success we've had has encouraged me to look forward to next season."

He is hoping his two six-year-olds *Rest Easy* and *Dissertation* will do him proud.

Your correspondent reflects on some of the good point-to-pointers he has had the pleasure of reporting on over the years and these include *Fitz*, owned and trained by the late Rose Harry of Dinas Powis, and who was sometimes ridden by Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn.

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## FESTIVE CHEER FOR THE COTTRELL PARK LADIES



Helen Evans.



Marcia Malia.



**FIFTY-SEVEN Cottrell Park lady golfers sat down to Christmas lunch at Cottrell Park golf club on Thursday, December 7.**

They were welcomed by Jeannette Williams the ladies' captain. She thanked all the ladies who had supported and helped her throughout the year, with special thanks to her committee, and especially her vice-captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell.

She also thanked Angela Padfield for her lovely table decorations at various events and Carol Bunyan for her reports giving publicity to Cottrell Park. She wished everyone a happy Christmas and a good new year.

Following lunch, Margaret Thomas, the competition secretary, read out the competition results explaining a little about each prize and Jeannette presented the prizes.

Firstly, Cath Mathias was given her trophy from captain's day. Then the presentation took place: *GUV Medal*, *Llanfair Trophy* and *Summer Eclectic Mackintosh* - Kay Bradbury; *Cup of Achievement* - Megan

Cullinane; *Macmillan Spoon* - Trish Roe; *Dragon Brooch* - Lowrie Roberts; *Golf Foundation Brooch* - Lorraine Pointon-Bell; *Grandmother's Trophy* - Chris Evans; *Pencarrig Cup* - Helen Evans; *Super Seventies* - Marcia Malia; *Par Competition* - Jo Pateman; *Summer Eclectic Button* - Jan Crosby.

The raffle was drawn for some lovely Christmas prizes including a beautifully decorated cake made by Regina Drew.

Margaret Thomas was given a present for all her hard work with the competition cards. Several of the ladies then moved in to the bar for drinks and carol singing prior to going home after a very pleasant day.

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## The Vale of Glamorgan Football League latest round-up

**ST ATHAN became the new Premier Division leaders this past weekend, as Aaron Rogers double helped them to a 5-1 victory over Barry Athletic in the big top of the table clash.**

St Athan take over from Athletic at the top. Cowbridge Town's resurgence continued as they won 3-0 away to Rhoeose.

Cowbridge, who have been bottom of the league for much of the season, now shoot up to fourth.

In Division One, SP Billy got back to winning ways with a 4-2 triumph over Tynewydd, after coming back from two goals down, Lee Carter

getting a hat-trick. Cadroxton Imps edged out Cadroxton Athletic 5-4 in a thrilling derby win.

Llantwit Major are now Division Two leaders as they made it nine out of nine with a 4-0 win over Rhoeose B, Josh Morgan grabbing a brace.

Barry Albion narrowly lost out to Vale Madrid 3-2 and Island Marine B squeezed out St Athan B by the same score. BRT Dynamos thumped bottom side Glenbrook 5-0 to go fourth.

This week, weather-permitting, the big games keep on coming as FC Barry Belgrade host new leaders St Athan. Belgrade are two points off top but have three games in hand on the leaders.

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## Bridge results



Congratulations to Joan Bird and Mary Lougher for winning our annual Claret Jug competition.

Joan and Mary are longstanding members of our club and were very popular winners!

**THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for December 4 are as follows:**

December 4 Celtic Sims Competition: first Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 67.99 per cent; second Emer Disley and Gareth Jenkins 64.05 per cent; third Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan 59.71 per cent.

## Barrivale Bridge Club latest news

**THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club for December 5 are as follows:**

The top three places went to: first, Simon and Debbie Richards, 72.92 per cent; second, Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan, 63.81; third, Mike Best and Mike Close, 59.52.

The handicap winners were Pat Price and Allan

Rees. New members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join in, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm. Beginners and improvers classes continue to run on Friday mornings.

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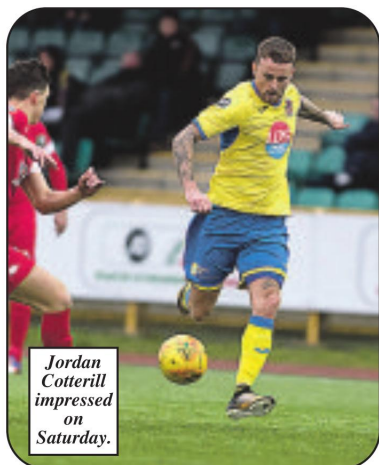
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## Honours even, but draw gets Barry Town United back on track



Jordan Cotterill impressed on Saturday.

**BARRY** Town United and Bangor City renewed their classic JD Welsh Premier League rivalry at the weekend, with Kayne McLaggon's penalty getting the home side level in a compelling 1-1 draw.

The showdown at Jenner Park was one of only two games that survived Saturday's snow and will be remembered for a strong second-half display from the Town that bodes well for the weeks ahead.

Backed by their band of travelling supporters, who played their part in a sparkling atmosphere, Bangor arrived in good form, Kevin Nicholson's Citizens having won each of their last five fixtures, including a magnificent 5-0 mauling of Bala Town in the JD Welsh Premier League a fortnight earlier.

In stark contrast, Barry came into this Matchday 16 encounter licking their wounds in the wake of three successive defeats on the road, although Gavin Chesterfield's eighth-placed squad did have the psychological advantage of having recorded a stunning 1-0 win at Nantporth in September.

Attacking the Gladstone Road end, the first opportunity of note went Barry's way, with defender Luke Cooper rising to connect with Chris Hugh's left-footed corner, only for Bangor City goalkeeper Matthew Kayne McLaggon breathing down his neck.

Midfielder Callum Sainty soon attempted to follow up and while the Citizens managed to hook the ball clear of the danger zone it was gathered by an inspired Jordan Cotterill, who quickly controlled and turned youngster George Harry inside out, before side-footing his effort over Hall's crossbar.

As would be expected, the former English Premier League forward Gary Taylor-Fletcher filled an important role for the visitors, the veteran demonstrating his class in and around the final third.

After setting up a teammate to blast into the side netting, the ex-Blackpool goalscorer and play-off final scourge of Cardiff City would create an effort for himself, forcing a save out of goalkeeper Joe Massaro, who was making his first JD Welsh Premier League start in place of the injured Mike Lewis.

Continuing to supply his teammates with quality passes, Taylor-Fletcher's intelligent ball to Anthony Miley would lead to a spurned final effort, but the next one, played through to former Blackburn Rovers striker Dean Rittenburg, would trigger the Bangor breakthrough, with 27 minutes played.

After scoring against Newtown, Aberystwyth, Connah's Quay and Bala, Rittenburg had been named the JD Welsh Premier League's Player of the Month for November ahead of Saturday's outing and the forward's run continued as he outfoxed Chris Hugh and slotted past Massaro to break the deadlock.

Despite the cold



ABOVE: Celebrations as Kyle McLaggon nets from the penalty spot (right).

temperatures, Bangor's opener was warmly received by their travelling supporters, who had braved the adverse weather conditions to set up camp in the Jenner Park grandstand.

Having failed to claim a point from a trailing position this season, Barry's ability to turn things around might be drawn in question, as the north Wales took their one-goal advantage into the interval.

However, the Town would deliver a pitch-perfect response, putting in a stirring second-half shift and taking the contest to a Bangor team now on the back foot, as 500 or so home fans roared them on.

Controlling with his chest at the edge of the penalty area, a looper from Cooper forced Hall into action, with the leaping Citizens goalkeeper tipping over his bar to deny the Town's centre-back.

Then, around the hour mark, a superlative ball over the top from Sainty offered Fahiya the chance to run on goal, only for Tom Kennedy to get to grips with his shirt, sending Fahiya falling to the ground.

With referee Tom Owen awarding a penalty kick, McLaggon stepped up to the spot and the Town's number seven coolly converted to score his ninth JD Welsh Premier League goal and, crucially, the big equaliser.

Inspired by the impressive Cotterill, who was enjoying his finest performance of the season, Barry then pressed for a second,



with nimble Hugh surging forward and lifting a deft delivery to McLaggon.

While the striker would miss the target this time, supporters were encouraged by the Town's play and though substitute Brayden Shaw tried his luck from distance, the crack visitors found themselves unable to snatch the breakaway winner that would have lifted them as high as second.

Instead, it was almost the home team who took all three points; Fahiya finding himself in possession inside the Bangor area, only for his left-foot shot on goal to be blocked by a desperate defender.

While the visitors introduced Australian striker James Demetriou as a final roll of the dice, it was too little, too late for a Citizens side who had to be content with a point and their first draw of 2017-18.

Barry meanwhile will be happy to have stopped the rot of defeats, boosting their total over Bangor to four points for the season, ahead of

Friday's visit to bottom-placed Carmarthen Town (7.30pm).

In his post-match comments, manager Chesterfield hailed Cotterill as a mercurial presence, with fans now hoping the former Ely Rangers standout can continue to shine at Richmond Park on Friday.

Next up at Jenner Park will be 10th-placed Prestatyn Town, with Neil Gibson's former Welsh Cup winners making what will be their first-ever visit to Barry on Saturday, December 23 (2.30pm).

From there, attention switches to the Boxing Day derby, as the Town host high-flying Cardiff Met (2.30pm), before the reverse fixture at Cyncoed Stadium rounds off a memorable calendar year.

At the time of writing, Barry's current haul of 18 points sees them three clear of Newtown, Prestatyn and Aberystwyth and five points adrift of Bala, who occupy the final place inside the league's top six.

## Late penalty sees Barry RFC edge thrilling game

**AFTER** three weeks without a game because of the autumn internationals, it was back to business for the Barry first XV last Saturday when they entertained Llanishen RFC at the Reservoir Field for a SWALEC East Central Division 2 league match.

With the visitors only two places above Barry in the league a tough game was on the cards and this proved very much to be the case with Barry clinching the game with virtually the last kick of the match.

In weather conditions which were chilly and overcast, Barry attacked from the kick off and put a lot of pressure on the visitors, with the result that they won a penalty for one of the visitors' backs being offside.

The 45-metre attempt by Kyle Baross was unsuccessful falling just short of the mark. Barry continued to attack after the restart and should have scored with some good forward play but unfortunately the ball was lost on contact.

A few minutes later it was Llanishen's turn to attack. Over-zealousness by the Barry eight in their own scrum resulted in the visitors being awarded a penalty which their full back Sam Williams duly converted to take a three point lead.

Barry immediately came back at the visitors with some strong forward play but once again managed to lose the ball within sight of the Llanishen line. From the resulting scrum the ball was passed to the Llanishen fullback who found touch 25 yards from the Barry line with a long spiralling kick.

A take and drive by the Llanishen forwards after winning the line out on Barry's throw was thwarted yards from the line by the efforts of the Barry pack who managed to push them into touch.

Barry managed to win the resulting lineout and the ball was passed to full back Richie O'Sullivan, who relieved the pressure by finding touch just past the halfway line.

Llanishen came back immediately and attacked strongly but gave away a penalty after being stopped by a resolute Barry defence. The resulting kick, by K. Baross found touch 20 metres from the visitors' line.

From the resulting lineout, captain James Hadfield made a powerful darting run towards the visitors' line and came very close to scoring, but once again the Llanishen defence infringed which resulted in one of their players receiving a yellow card. Kyle Baross made no mistake with the resulting penalty.

With 38 minutes gone it looked very much like the first half was going to fizzle out in a 3-3 draw. However, this was not the case, as one of the Llanishen backs was penalised for crossing, Baross making no mistake with the kick to give Barry a slender 6-3 lead on the half-time whistle.

The second half started in a similar fashion to the first in that both sides had an equal share of the ball with play going from end to end. However, eight minutes into the half Barry cleared their lines with a long kick from Baross which resulted in a lineout 25 metres from the Llanishen line.

From the throw in however, they were deemed to have knocked the ball on which resulted in a Barry scrum. The ball was quickly passed to Einar Scott who cleverly opened a gap for centre Tom Perry to steam in to score one of his specials under the posts

which Kyle Baross duly converted.

To be fair to Llanishen, they did not let their heads drop at being behind and came back with a vengeance.

During one of their attacking moves a Barry player transgressed and full back Sam Williams made no mistake with the kick to bring them within a converted try of the Barry score.

With their confidence elevated they made a series of attacking moves and five minutes or so later their perseverance was rewarded when they scored a try from a take and drive movement from their forwards after winning a lineout. The conversion was successful making the score 13-13.

Barry were clearly a little shocked by this change of fortune and made a concerted effort to get back into the lead. Over-eagerness can lead to transgression and this is exactly what happened a couple of minutes later when lock Jamie Oaten was given a 10 minute rest for over-reacting. The penalty kick by Sam Williams was successful giving a score of 13-16 in Llanishen's favour.

On the 25 minute mark of the second half Barry were awarded a penalty well within their own half and from the resulting kick by Baross, they had a lineout 15 metres or so from the Llanishen line.

A take and drive on winning the lineout saw Barry within metres of the Llanishen line only to be awarded a penalty when the defence unlawfully collapsed the drive.

Kyle Baross made no mistake with the resulting penalty to bring the scores back level at 16-16. For the next 15 minutes or so play went from end to end with no change in the score.

With the light getting worse by the second and the full-time whistle imminent, both sides made unsuccessful attempts to regain the lead. When it looked as though the match would end all square, Barry had a penalty attempt which failed by the smallest of margins.

With spectators resigned to the fact that it was definitely going to be a draw, immense pressure was put on the Barry place kicker Baross a minute or so later when they were awarded another penalty for offside just outside the visitors' 25 and fairly wide out.

The cheers of the local supporters said the rest - the kick was successful and Barry had won 19-16.

From a spectator's view this was not a spectacular game to watch as both teams were very strong defensively, but a win is a win and Barry were more than happy to take the points.

Barry have struggled with injury to players over the last couple of games and it was good to see Rob Williams and Richie O'Sullivan back in the side after long lay-offs and Matt O'Sullivan having a good game on his first XV debut.

**Team:** Alyn Evans, Ben Such, Jacob Brooke, Jamie Oaten, Rob Williams, Jake Goodfellow, James Hadfield, Luke O'Sullivan, Kyle Baross, Einar Scott, Tiernan Scott, Tomos Perry, Christie Lockyer, Matt O'Sullivan, Richie O'Sullivan. **Replacements:** Glyn Jones, Corey Warrey, Chris Deyes, Ashley Adams and Einar Dix.

The next match sees Barry face Llantwit Fardre in the league on Saturday, December 16, at the Reservoir Field, kick-off 2.30pm.

Barry RFC Mega4 lottery numbers for Saturday, December 9 were 6, 11, 21, 24 - there were no winners so the prize increases to £7,750. **CWH**